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INTRODUCTION.

IN THE Tract now published, we have collected and translated the Papers in the Secretary of State's Office, illustrative of Slavery and the Slave Trade under the Dutch. As the Documents are authentic, they furnish reliable Material for a Chapter in the early History of our State at present unwritten, and hitherto but partially known.

To the Dutch undoubtedly belongs the questionable Distinction of having introduced Negro Slavery into the Colonies, now the *United States of America*. “About the last

Smith's General History of Virginia, Ed. 1627, P. 126, *Richmond Ed.*, II, 39. of *August*” (1619), says *John Rolfe*, the celebrated Husband of *Pocahontas*, writing from *Virginia*, “came

in a Dutch man of warre, that sold vs twenty Negars.”* *Oldmixon* refers to the same Event, but leaves

* This Event is generally stated to have occurred in 1620; but a careful Perusal of *Smith* shows that it took place in 1619. Mr. *Bancroft*, *Hist. U. S.*, 1st Ed., I, 189, quotes *Beverley* as the original Authority for this Fact. *Beverley* only copied Capt. *Smith*, without acknowledging the Source of his Information; of which Circumstance Mr. *Bancroft* does not appear to have been aware.

the Impression that the Vessel was a Merchantman. "The Merchant *British Empire in America*, Ed. 1741, I, 369. sold 20 Negroes, which were the first Slaves that were brought thither (to *Virginia*) from *Guinea*."

At this Period a Class of Adventurers, called "*Guinea* Traders," resorted to *Africa*; another Class, called "*Virginia* Traders," resorted to *America*. One or other of these, it is supposed, landed the above mentioned Negroes.

In 1621, all the Dutch private Companies trading to *Africa* and *America* were merged into one—the celebrated West India Com-

pany—which, by Virtue of its Charter, raised Troops, fitted out Men-of-War, and made other Preparations for entering the Field against *Spain*. This Power had, at that time, the almost entire Control of the Trade of *Africa*, from which Country it imported into *Brazil*, during the four Years ending 1623, *Fifteen thousand, four hundred and thirty* Blacks, to work its Sugar Plantations.

*De Laet, Jaer-
lyk Verhael,
192.*

In 1623, the West India Company commenced Hostilities, which it continued with considerable Vigor for several Years. At first, how-

ever, it placed no Value on the Negroes it captured from the Spaniards; for in 1624, Admiral *Van Dort* having overhauled, off the Coast of *Brazil*, a Spanish Vessel carrying Blacks from *Angola* to *Bahia*, took the Skipper and let the Ship and Blacks go, “not knowing,” frankly confesses *De Laet*, “how useful and profitable *Jaerlyk Verhael*, P. 17. they could be to them.” Again, in 1627, the Dutch having overcome a Portuguese Ship, coming from *Angola* to *Pernambuco* with 600 Blacks on board, they derived no Advantage from the Capture, as *Ibid.*, P. 120, 121.

those of *Pernambuco* refused to ransom the Negroes, some of whom were landed afterwards, with the Portuguese, at *Fayal*. And so late as 1631, two Ships from *Angola* with 850 Negroes, having been captured off *Hispaniola* and *Sta. Martha*, the Dutch Commanders not knowing what to do with the Blacks, let them and the Ships go.

De Laet, Ibid.,
P. 230, 270.

It will be seen by the above *Resumé*, that the West India Company having been absorbed in its Operations against the Spaniards, did not, for some Years after it

first came into Existence, place much Value on the Slave Trade; and, as a Consequence, Slavery was not greatly fostered or encouraged in *New Netherland*.

It was not until the Dutch had reduced *Pernambuco* and other Parts of *Brazil*, and taken *Curaçao*, that they began to derive any Profit from the Capture of Slaves. In *October*, 1636, the *Soutbergh* took a Ship from *Angola* with 230 Negroes, which were sold shortly afterwards at the *Reciff* for 30,000 Guilders. A couple of Months later, another Lot of captured Afri-

De Laet, Ibid.,
P. 528, 529.

cans, 340 in Number, was sold by public Auction at the same Place, and brought 67,000 Guilders. Between the Years 1623 and 1636, the

*De Laet, Ibid.,
App. P. 21.*

Dutch captured from the Spaniards

Two thousand, three hundred and fifty-six Negroes, whose estimated Value was 589,000 Guilders. Finally, in 1641, they reduced *Loando St. Paulo* in *Africa*; and thus, with this Slave Hive on the one Side, and *Brazil* and *Curaçao* for Slave Markets on the other, they obtained complete Control of the Slave Trade. The Ships of the West India Company now sailed direct from *Holland* to

*Southey's Bra-
zil.*

Angola with Articles of Commerce; got Slaves in Exchange, which they carried to *Brazil*, and returned to *Holland* with Sugar and other Produce of that Country.

We now propose to trace the Introduction of Slavery into *New Netherland*.

In 1625 or 1626, fix or seven Years after the Dutch had discharged the small Lot of Slaves in *Virginia*, the first Negroes were brought to *Manhattan*. Among them were *Paul d' Angola*, *Simon Congo*, *Anthony Portuguese*, *John Francisco*, and seven other Africans, who were

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probably captured at Sea. Their Names denote the Country to which they originally belonged. Two Years afterwards three Negro Women arrived at *New Amsterdam*; and these are the only Instances on Record of the Introduction of Slaves in *New Netherland* prior to the Erection of Patroonships and Colonies in 1629, when the West India Company publicly promised to “use their Endeavors to supply the Colonists with as many Blacks as they conveniently can.”

Freedoms of
1629, Art. 30.

For Causes, already noted, these “endeavors” were not followed, as

far as we have been able to ascertain, by any immediate Increase of Negroes here; and it was not until after the Reduction of *Loando* that the Current of Slavery set northward to any great Amount.*

By an Edict issued in 1645, no private Dutch Vessel was allowed to trade farther North than *Cape Florida*, nor on any Account to the *Virginias*, *New Netherland*, *New France*, the Coast of *Africa* or *Brazil*. The Trade in these Coun-

*N. Y. Colonial
Doc., I, 223.*

* Slavery existed in the Limits of the present State of *New Jersey* as early as 1638.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.*, I, 41.

tries was wholly monopolized by the West India Company.

In the Summer of 1646, the first Slave Ship, of whose Name we have a Record, arrived in *New Netherland*. She was called the *Amandaré*. This Vessel touched at *Barbadoes*, where “three Negro Wenches” were spirited away. The Remainder arrived at *New Amsterdam* in *June*, where “the Negroes were sold for Pork and Peas. Something wonderful was to be performed with them, but they just dropped through the Fingers.” What Number of Slaves were brought in

this Vessel, or whether they were brought from *Brazil* or *Guinea*, is not stated.*

In *January*, 1648, a Committee of the States General made a lengthy Report on the Affairs of the West India Company, in the Course of which they refer to the Fact, that in Consequence of the unsettled State of *Brazil*, “the Slave Trade hath long lain dormant to the great Damage of the Company.” In order to revive that Traffic,

* Sugar and Oil were a Part of her Cargo; and these Articles may serve as a Clue to determine her Port of Departure. She undoubtedly belonged to, or was chartered by, the West India Company.

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Attention was turned to *New Netherland*.

*N. Y. Colonial
Doc., I, 246.*

“That Country,” says the Report, “is considered to be the most fruitful of all within your High Mightinesses’ Jurisdiction, and the best adapted to raise all Sorts of this Country Produce, such as Rye, Wheat, Barley, Peas, Beans, etc., and Cattle; and that in more Abundance than can be done here, were it suitably peopled and cultivated. The granting of Freedoms and Privileges, hath indeed induced some Patroons and Colonists to undertake Agriculture there; but

as the Produce cannot be sold any where except in the adjacent Places belonging to the English, who are themselves sufficiently supplied, those Planters have not received a Return for their Labor and Outlay. With a View, then, to give greater Encouragement to Agriculture, and consequently to Population, we should consider it highly advantageous that a way be opened to allow them to export their Produce even to *Brazil*, in their own Vessels, under certain Duties, and subject to the Supervision both of the Director in *New Netherland*, and the Supreme

Council in *Brazil*; and to trade it off there, and to carry Slaves back in Return; which Privilege of sailing with their own Ships from *New Netherland* to *Brazil*, should be exclusively allowed to Patroons and Colonists, who promote the Population in *New Netherland*, and not to the Interlopers, who only carry Goods to and fro, without attending to Agriculture. By this Means not only would *Brazil* be supplied with Provisions at a cheaper Rate, but *New Netherland* would by Slave Labor, be more extensively cultivated than it has hitherto been,

because the agricultural Laborers, who are conveyed thither at great Expense to the Colonists, sooner or later apply themselves to Trade, and neglect Agriculture altogether. Slaves, on the other Hand, being brought and maintained there at a cheap Rate, various other Descriptions of Produce would be raised, and by their Abundance be reduced in Price, so as to allow, when Occasion would offer, of their advantageous Exportation hither and to other Parts of Europe."

The Trade to *Africa* was opened, in 1652, to the Colonists, who

N. Y. Colonial MSS., IX, 53.

were permitted to import Slaves directly from that Country, within certain prescribed Limits. No immediate Action, however, followed this Permission; and it was not until the Year 1655 that Slaves began to be regularly imported into *New Netherland*.

It is to be borne in Mind, however, that during the War with *Spain*, Privateers swarmed among the *Caribbean Islands* and along the Spanish Main. These Vessels occasionally brought Prizes to *New Amsterdam*. After the Peace between the *United Netherlands* and

Spain, Hostilities were carried on between the latter Power and *France*. To the Privateers under the French Flag *New Amsterdam* was a neutral Port, where some of them occasionally came and disposed of their captured Negroes and other prize Goods.*

It has been asserted that Negroes were imported into *New Netherland* “often directly from *Guinea*.” This Allegation is based on the Despatch of 7th *April*, 1648, and on the

*N. Y. Colonial
Doc., I, 577,
578.*

*Bancroft's
U. S., 1st Ed.,
II, 303.*

* In 1642, the Privateer *La Garce* brought in a few Negroes, and in 1652 a Lot of *Forty-four* Negroes were brought in by another Privateer who had captured them from a Spaniard.

mere Draft of a Contract in 1660 (*Infra*, P. 101, 169). But there is no Evidence that any Action followed the Permission of 1648, and the Remonstrance (*Infra*, P. 171), proves that the Contract not only had never been executed, but that the Parties declined executing it. The Records contain Instances of the Arrival of only two Vessels at *New Amsterdam* "directly from *Guinea*" with Slaves. These were the *Wittepaert* and *Gideon*. All other Importations of that Character were from *Curaçao*, except perhaps those of the *Amandaré*, which most

probably were brought from *Brazil*.

The Ventures and Vessels in this nefarious Commerce, belonged either to private Parties in *Holland*, or to the West India Company. "We have resolved," write the Directors at *Amsterdam* in 1661, "not only that Slaves shall be kept in *New Netherland*, as we have heretofore ordered, but that they shall moreover be exported to the English and other Neighbours." The Spirit of Avarice and Greed deadened Conscience and smothered all Feeling of Humanity; and "the Pro-

motion of Agriculture, Trade, and Population" was the thin Covering which glossed over the Infamy of the Trade.

In November 1661, the City of *New Amsterdam* became the Owner of three Negroes, which it obtained as a Present from the Director and Council. In 1664, "the City of *Amsterdam* did not blush to own Shares in a Slave Ship, to advance Money for the Outfits, and to participate in the Returns." But to the Credit of *New Netherland*, it is to be recorded that no Ship nor Merchant belonging to that Colony,

had ever been engaged in the African Slave Trade. An Effort had, it is true, been made in *New Amsterdam* to embark in it, but the Project, fortunately for the Honor of the Country, fell through.

“Of a direct Voyage from *Guinea* *History U. S.,*
3d Edition, III,
405. to the Coast of the *United States* no Journal,” says Mr. *Bancroft*, “is known to exist.” The Papers now published will supply this Defect in some Degree; and the Journal of the Slaver *St. John*, though that Vessel was not destined for the Coast of *North America*, will give some Insight to the

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Horrors of the Middle Passage. *One hundred and ninety-five* human Beings were crammed into the Hold of that Vessel. Bad Food, short Allowance, Want of Water, foul Air, and Bloody Flux, were the Attendants on the Passage; and as a Consequence, *fifty-six* per cent of the wretched Beings perished on the Voyage. Of the Balance, only one Negro eventually accrued to the Benefit of the Dutch; for, as a retributive Fate willed it, a Privateer, or Pirate, swooped down in the Vicinity of *Curaçao*, plundered every thing, and carried off the

surviving Negroes “towards the Main.”

No better Fortune awaited the Slaver, *The Arms of Amsterdam*. This Vessel brought *One hundred and one* Slaves from *Angola*, but on her Voyage to *Curaçao*, was overhauled by some English Privateers among the West India Islands, captured and carried into *Virginia*.

Curaçao was, under the Dutch, what *Barbadoes* was subsequently to the English—the Slave Emporium to which Guineamen brought their Cargoes of human Flesh, to

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be thence distributed throughout this Continent. And in the following Pages, the Reader will find ample Information regarding the active Trade in Slaves, which was carried on between that Island, *New Netherland*, and the Spanish Possessions on the Main previous to 1665.



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JOURNALS

OF THE

Voyages of the Slavers St. John
and Arms of Amsterdam.



JOURNAL
OF THE
SLAVER ST. JOHN.

WE Weighed anchor, by ^{1659.}
order of the Hon^{ble} Mar. 4.
Director, *Johan Valcken-*
borch, and the Hon^{ble} Di-
rector *Jasper van Heussen*, to
proceed on our Voyage from
Elmina to *Rio Reael*, to trade
for Slaves for the Hon^{ble} Com-
pany.

A

^{1659.}
^{Mar. 8.}  Saturday. Arrived with our ship before *Arda*, to take on board the Surgeon's mate and a Supply of Tamarinds for the Slaves; sailed again next day on our Voyage to *Rio Reael*.

17. Arrived at *Rio Reael* in front of a village called *Bany* where we found the Company's Yacht, named the *Peace*, which was sent out to assist us to trade for Slaves.

April. Nothing was done except to trade for Slaves.

May 6. One of our seamen died; his name was *Claes van Die-men*, of *Durgerdam*.

22. Again weighed Anchor and

ran out of *Rio Reael* accompanied by the Yacht *Peace*; 1659.
May.
 purchased there *two hundred*
 and *nineteen* head of Slaves,
 men, women, boys and girls,
 and proceeded on our course
 for the High land of *Ambosius*,
 for the purpose of procuring
 food there for the Slaves, as
 nothing was to be had at *Rio*
Reael.

Monday. Arrived under the 26.
 High land of *Ambosius* to look
 there for Victuals for the Slaves,
 and spent *seven* days there,
 but with difficulty obtained
 enough for the daily con-
 sumption of the Slaves, so that

1659. we resolved to run to *Rio*
 May. *Cammerones* to see if any food
 could be had there for the
 Slaves.

June 5. Thursday. Arrived at the
Rio Commerones and the Yacht
Peace went up to look for pro-
 visions for the Slaves. This
 day died our cooper, named
Peter Claessen, of *Amsterdam*.

29. Sunday. Again resolved to
 proceed on our Voyage, as but
 little food was to be had for
 the Slaves in consequence of
 the great Rains which fell
 every day, and because many
 of the Slaves were suffering
 from the Bloody Flux in con-

sequence of the bad provisions we were supplied with at *El Mina*, amongst which were several barrels of Groats, wholly unfit for use. 1659.
June.

We then turned over to *Adriaen Blaes*, the Skipper, *One hundred and ninety five* Slaves, consisting of *Eighty one* Men, *One hundred and five* Women, *six* boys and *three* girls for which Bills of lading were signed and sent, one by the Yacht *Peace* to *El Mina* with an account of, and receipts for, remaining Merchandize.

Arrived at *Cabo de Loop de* July 25.
Consalvo for wood and water.

1659. Our Surgeon, named *Martin*
 { July 27. } *de Lanoy*, died of the Bloody
 Flux.

Aug. 10. Arrived the Company's Ship
Raven from *Castle St. George*
d'el Mina, homeward bound.

11. Again resolved to pursue
 our Voyage towards the Island
 of *Annebo*, in order to pur-
 chase there Supplies for the
 Slaves. We have lain *Sixty*
 days at *Cabo de Loop* hauling
 wood and water. Among the
 Water barrels, forty were taken
 to pieces to be refitted, as our
 Cooper died at *Rio Camme-*
rones, and we had no other per-
 son capable of repairing them.

Arrived at the Island *An-* ^{1659.}
nebo where we purchased *One* ^{Aug. 15.}
hundred half tierces of little
 Beans, *twelve* Hogs, *five thou-*
sand Cocoa nuts, *five thousand*
 Oranges, besides some other
 stores.

Again hoisted Sail to profe- 17.
 cute our Voyage to the Island
 of *Curacao*.

The Skipper called the ^{Sept. 21.}
 Ships officers aft, and resolved
 to run for the Island of *Tobago*
 and to procure Water there;
 otherwise we should have per-
 ished for want of water, as
 many of our Water casks had
 leaked dry.

1659.
 Sept. 24.

Friday. Arrived at the Island of *Tobago* and shipped Water there, also purchased some Bread, as our hands had had no ration for three weeks.

27. Again set sail on our Voyage to the Island of *Curacao*, as before.

Nov. 2.

Lost our ship on the Riffs of *Rocus*, and all hands immediately took to the Boat, as there was no prospect of saving the Slaves, for we must abandon the Ship in consequence of the heavy Surf.

4. Arrived with the Boat at the Island of *Curacao*; the Hon^{ble} Governor *Beck* ordered two

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floops to take the Slaves off ^{1659.}
the wreck, one of which floops ^{Nov.} }
with *eighty four* slaves on
board, was captured by a Pri-
vateer.

LIST OF THE SLAVES

*Who died on board the Ship
St. John from 30th June to
29th October in the Year
1659.*

1659.	Men.	Women.	Children.
June 30	3	2	
July 1	2	1	
3		1	
5		2	1.
6		1	
7	1		
8	2	1	
9	2		
10		2	
12		1	
13	2		1
14	1		

1659.	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	<i>Children.</i>
July 16	3	2	
17	2		
18	3	1	
19	1	3	
20	1		
21	1	1	
23		2	
24	1	1	
25	2	1	
26	1		
28	3		
29		2	
Aug. 2	2		
3	1		
6	1		
8	2		1
9		1	
11		1	
16	1 man leaped overboard.		
18	1		
20		1	
22		1	
23		1	

1659.	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	<i>Children.</i>
Aug. 24	1		
29		1	
31	1	1	
Sept. 3		1	
6	2		
7	1		
8	1	1	
13	1	1	
14	2	2	1
16	1		
19	1		
23		2	
24	1	3	
26		1	
Oct. 1	2		
3	1	1	
4		1	
10	1	2	
12	1		
13	1		
19		1	
23	1		
29	1		
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On the *first* of November, ^{1659.}
 two hours before day, have we ^{Nov. 1.}
 lost the Ship *St. John*, upon
 the Reef of *Rocus* and fled
 with the Boat to the Island of
Curaçao, and left in the Ship
eighty five Slaves, including
 Men, Women, Boys and Girls,
 and arrived on the *fourth* of
 this instant at *Curaçao*.

INFORMATION

Taken by Order of the Hon^{ble} Director Matthias Beck respecting the Capture of the Company's Negroes abandoned on board the Ship St. John on the Island of Rocus, and of the Company's Sloop which was sent to save them by the Hon^{ble} Director M. Beck aforesaid.

A PPEARED Jan van Gaelen who was sent by the Hon. Director in the Company's Sloop, with the Skipper Hans Marcussen Stuyve, to aid

in saving the aforementioned Slaves, and having failed with the Skipper of the lost Ship and some of his Crew, from the Port here on the *Seventh* of November towards evening, came on the following Saturday in sight of *Bonaire*. When they were running towards the shore, they met an English Privateer or Rover whereof *Jan Pietersen*, a native of Denmark, was Captain, who came off the land and had the weather-gage of them, and commanded them to strike, threatening to fire if they did not obey. And this Deponent

coming on board the aforefaid Privateer, was asked, Whence came he and Whither was he bound? He answered, from *Curaçao* and was bound for *Bonaire*. Whereupon, the Captain of the Privateer asked, What business had he there? Thereupon, Deponent answered, To look up the Company's People. He, then, said, I am going with my Ship and remain you here on board and let the Vessel go on. Which they did and came to *Bonaire*. Being in the Roadstead with the aforefaid Vessel, on board of which were 5 or 6

of the Privateer's crew, one of the men of the wrecked Ship called out from the shore to those of the Vessel, as the Deponent hath afterwards understood, Did you bring along Skipper *Blaes*—to wit, the Skipper of the wrecked Ship—and have you been to *Rocus* to save the Negroes, who remained on board the Ship that lay stranded there? or, They ought first to go thither to save them. Whereupon the Privateers, who were in the bark, said, addressing the Skipper of the wrecked Ship, Now, it is enough that we

know that you are the Skipper of the wrecked Ship ; and about two hours afterwards, the Privateer came with his Ship, named the *Castle frigate*, carrying *four* guns and about *thirty* men, into the Roadstead where the Vessel lay at anchor. Then his Fellows who were on board the Company's bark or Vessel, called out ; Captain, We have a good Prize—mentioning the Ship wrecked at *Rocus*—and having berated the Deponent for not having told him of what had occurred, was answered, He was not bound to do so ; and at the

same time requested and protested that he should let him go in order that he may prosecute the Voyage he had been sent on. Whereunto they were unwilling, but on the contrary, him detained by force, and on the following Sunday, dispatched the Vessel to *Little Curaçao* against his will where the aforesaid Privateer had his Lieutenant with a party of his men and a Pirogue to watch, as they said, the Company's vessels.

On the morning of the following Monday, the aforesaid Vessel returned with the

Lieutenant and Crew, leaving their Pirogue, which they had taken from the Spaniards, on the coast of *Curaçao*, still at Anchor at *Little Curaçao*, and towards evening set sail, taking with them by force the Company's Vessel on board of which he put his crew, leaving in it only Skipper *Hans* afore-said with two men; and then took along by force on board his Ship the Deponent with the rest of the Crew of the Vessel and some belonging to the stranded Ship and proceeded on their Voyage to the Coast of *Caraccas* where

coming, the Rover drove a Frigate ashore which was understood to mount *six* guns, and with the Company's vessel stranded a Spanish Pirogue, and afterwards proceeded to the little Island of *David*, where they came to an Anchor. Deponent having requested with the other men to be set on board their own Bark, they would consent that the Deponent only should go on board the bark or Vessel. The Rover remained there at Anchor and dispatched the Deponent with *fourteen* of said Rover's crew in the Com-

pany's vessel to *Rocus*, with orders to seize the Slaves as a good Prize, even though the Bark named the *Young Brindle Cow*, whereof *Jan Ryckartsen* was Skipper, which had been sent thither by the Director to save the aforesaid Slaves, might have them on board.

The abovementioned Bark had lain four days by the Wreck, and had made fast a line to it in order to get the Negroes on board by that means and save them; but they could effect nothing through dread of the Negroes, and because the hands on board the Bark

were too few. They, therefore, resolved to await the arrival of the Vessel whereof the aforesaid *Hans Stuyve* was Skipper, in order thus to be stronger in hands, and by that means better able to bring the Negroes on board. Then, on arriving there, the Rover's fourteen men did, in the presence of this Deponent, run aboard them with the vessel, and attack and overpower them in a hostile manner, and took the boats of the Bark and the Sloop, all the Property of the Company, and with them hauled the Negroes off the

Wreck to the number of *eighty four* and having loaded the Bark the *Brindled Cow* with them, proceeded to *David's island* where lay the Rover, who took all the Negroes on board.

Meanwhile, remained the Sloop or Vessel with the Deponent at *Rocus*, pretending still an inclination to save something, and came the day following, to *David's island* having saved some cooking Kettles and Cordage which also they took away to the Rover. When this was accomplished, the Deponent enquired if they

were satisfied and would permit him to depart with the aforesaid Vessel, or Company's Sloop. They answered, When they had hauled wood and water. Persisting in his request, he at last obtained for answer, That the Sloop was of use to them and they would not restore it, and in case the Bark could be of service to them, they would retain her likewise, and further, every thing belonging to the Company on the way to or from *Curaçao*. However, since she is of no use, you can go in

her with all your folks and do'nt give much jaw, or you shall all march out naked, and do you go quietly on board and do not hoist a single sail until we are gone.

On the evening of the 23d. when he had failed, steering his course towards the Mainland, we took our departure and this day arrived here. And this he declares to have thus truly occurred, which if necessary he will confirm by oath; in presence of *Theunis Lucassen* and *Peter de Leeuw*, as Witnesses hereunto invited,

in *Fort Amsterdam* at *Curaçao*, the 25th November A^o 1659.

(Signed)

JAN VAN GAELLEN.

Witness

Theunis Lucassen,

Peter de Leeuw.

In my presence,

NICOLAS HACK,

Secretary.

Appeared *Jan Rykartsen*,
Skipper of the Company's
Sloop, *The Young Brindled
Cow*, and says, that he by
order of the Hon^{ble} Director,
had gone to *Aruba*. When

there, received Instructions to proceed to *Rocus*, to save the Company's Slaves who were driven on shore there in the Ship *St. John*, coming from the Coast of *Guinea*. These orders I immediately executed. On arriving there, I used every diligence to reach the Wreck and so far succeeded as to get a line on board, and then two Negroes came swimming to the Boat by whom the line had been passed on board. It afterwards broke loose and in consequence of bad weather, I could not go on board. I, therefore, resolved to wait for

the Company's vessel whereof *Hans Marcussen Stuyve* was Skipper, who, I had been notified, would come to help to save the Slaves; the rather, because my Crew being few in number stood, therefore, in fear of the Negroes.

On the 16th instant, arrived the Vessel which attacked me in a hostile manner. Whereupon the Deponent demanded, What are you about? He said, Shew your Sea brief which Deponent did. That, they said, was well, and added, he might remain in their service

as long as he pleased, which he refused, being bound to serve not them, but the Hon^{ble} Director in the Company's service upon which he was dispatched. Nevertheless, he and his Crew were compelled to submit, and they forcibly took away his Boat, and with it the Company's Slaves and the Boat of the aforeaid Vessel, on board his own Ship, and commanded him to accompany them to *David's island*, where lay the Rover, called the *Castle frigate*, the Captain whereof was *Jan Pietersen*

of *Colding*,* in *Denmark*, to whom the men belonged who mastered and captured the Company's Vessel aforesaid, and transferred the Slaves to the Ship. In the meanwhile, the aforesaid Vessel remained at *Rocus* with the Deponent's boat, in order, as they gave out, to save by their means, more Property, and they, indeed, brought off two more Slaves, some Elephants' teeth and other trifles, so that altogether they took 84 Slaves and

* A City in the S. E. Corner of the Province of North Jutland, near the Little Belt.

2 fucking Children. They also took and carried off the afore-said Company's Vessel whereof *Hans Marcussen Stuyve* was Skipper, and told me, the Deponent, that even had I had said Slaves on board the Bark on their arrival at *Rocus*, they should have taken them away by force, and declared them good prize, because I had no Commission, but only a Sea brief. And the Deponent says, that they offered him money for the service they had received from his Bark and Crew; this he refused to take, as such service was rendered

under compulsion, for he owed them no obedience and could not receive any thing for compulsory service. The Deponent also says, that he hath given the Captain a note that he had received nothing from them, and likewise that the Captain of the aforesaid Rover had sent the Deponent on board, though the Crew of the aforesaid *Hans Marcussen Stuyve's* Bark, belonging to the Company, had remained with him, and ordered me not to sail before he had departed, which was on the evening of the 23d of No-

vember, he steering towards
the Coast, and we to this place
where we arrived this date.
And this he declares to be
true and, if needs be, will
confirm the same by oath.
Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam
the 25th *November* A° 1659.

(Signed)

JAN RICKERTSEN.

Witness.

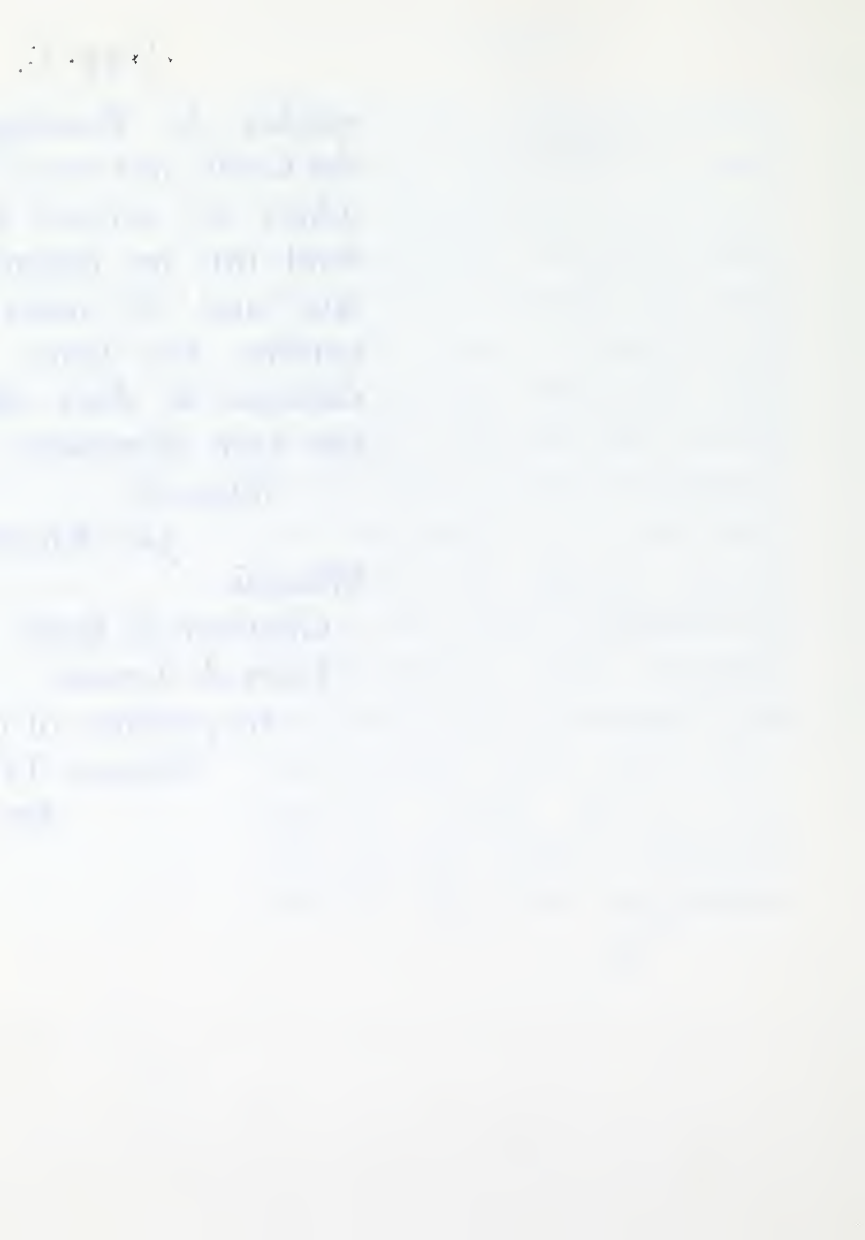
Ghyssbert de Rosa

Peter de Leeuw

In presence of me

NICOLAS HACK,

Secretary.



Appeared *Hans Marcussen Stuyve*, Skipper of the Company's Vessel, and declared: On the 7th of November I sailed hence by order of the Hon^{ble} Director for *Rocus*, there to save the Company's Slaves and other property from the Ship *St. John* coming there from *Guinea*. On the following day, arrived off *Bonaire* with the aforesaid Bark, and met an English Privateer, or Rover, who having the wind of us obliged us to strike. We then launched our Boat in which *Jan van Gaelen*

went on board of him with two other hands, whom they detained, and sent my Boat back with men to take possession of my Bark which they did and carried us against our will to *Bonaire*, where being come, they put more hands on board and sent this Depo-
nent from there to *Little Curaçao* to fetch the Privateer's Lieutenant and some men thence, out of a Pirogue which they had taken from the Spaniards on the Coast of *Caraccas* and was stationed there to watch the Company's Vessels going in and out.

Being come there, they came over in our Vessel and abandoned the Pirogue leaving her riding at anchor. Thus they returned to *Bonaire*, where the Rover rode at anchor, and being come there, they set sail altogether, notwithstanding every Protest against the injustice they did us, towards the Coast of *Caraccas* where they drove a Spanish Ship ashore, whilst we with our Sloop chased a Pirogue ashore. Steering thence back we came to *Little David's island* where the Rover cast anchor, and having put more

men on board of us, compelled us to go to *Rocus* to save the Slaves from the wrecked Ship, and if they were already saved by the Company's Bark, whereof *Jan Ryckartsen* was Skipper, to capture and remove them by force. On arriving there, we found the Bark, which we immediately boarded and took by force, removing all the Slaves which had already been saved. But although they had been there *four* days before us, they were unable to effect any thing as the line they had sent on board the Wreck, had again

broke loose and they could not afterwards approach the Wreck in consequence of the violent wind. Only *two* Negro men came by swimming on board of him; furthermore, finding themselves too weak, they waited for our coming in order, being thus stronger, to return and save the Slaves &c, weather permitting. Boarding then the Bark, she was overpowered, as stated, by force. Then taking their Shallop with ours, the Rover's crew, despite our Protests that we could not assist them, much less allow them to use our Ves-

fel, faved and brought on board the aforefaid Bark of Skipper *Jan Ryckertsen*, *Eighty two* Slaves and *two* Sucklings and ſteered away with them to *David's iſland*, where ſaid Rover lay at anchor with his Veſſel named the *Caſtle frigate*, the Captain whereof was *Jan Pieterſen* of *Denmark*, and compelled us to remain with our Bark at *Rocus*, with the little Sloop of *Jan Ryckertſen* aforeſaid, to ſave, as they ſaid, ſome other Articles, which they did, namely, *eight* or *nine* little elephants' Teeth, *two* cooking Kettles, ſome tin Ware and

Cordage, and proceeded therewith to *David's island*, where the aforesaid Rover removed every thing from the said Company's Vessels, and compelled us to remain until he had hauled Wood and Water. Nay, he would pay the Depo-
 nent for his trouble and the use of the Vessels and Sloop, which he would not accept, giving for answer, That they were sent out not on this, but the Company's service by the Hon^{ble} Director *Matthias Beck*, and that force and violence had been employed against them. Whereupon the

Captain of the Rover was greatly irritated, and carried off the Deponent's Vessel, notwithstanding he had more than three times exhibited to him his Commission which the Hon^{ble} Director had given him, acknowledging even that the Commission was valid and that he was a Free man, and had nothing to say against him. All which notwithstanding, he afterwards carried off my Vessel with him, saying, He had need of it, and made me vacate it with my Men, permitting us only to take our Clothing, and then put us on

board *Jan Ryckertsen's* Bark. The Deponent further saith, that he was compelled per force to sign a Note, not knowing its contents, for it was written in English, and this Deponent does not understand the English language. And having been ordered not to sail before the Rover left, which was on the evening of the 23d *November* instant, steering his course towards the Main, we, with the afore-said Bark of *Jan Ryckertsen* leaving behind one of our Sailors named *Jacob Pietersen* of *Belcom*, who voluntarily remained with them, steered to-

wards this Harbor, where we arrived in safety this day. And this he declares to be true and will confirm the same if needs be, by oath; in presence of *Ghyssbert de Rosa* and *Peter de Leeuw* as witnesses hercunto invited. *Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam* the 25th November A° 1659.

(Signed)

This is the mark  of Skipper.

HANS MARCUSSEN STUYVE
Witness *Ghyssbert de Rosa*
Peter de Leeuw

In presence of me

NICOLAES HAEK, *Secretary.*

Appeared *Adriaen Blaes van der Veer*, and saith, that he was commanded by *Johan Valckenburch* General of *El Mina* and the *Gold Coast*, on the 4th of *March* last to sail as Skipper of the Ship *St. John*, from the Roadstead of the *Castle del Mina* aforesaid, with Commissary *Johan Froon* and the accompanying Sailors, in the Company's service, to the *Calabari* or *Rio Real*, there to trade for Slaves and to proceed with them, by order of the aforesaid General, to this place. In obedience to these

orders, *Two hundred and nineteen* Slaves big and little, were actually traded and purchased, wherewith we failed in order to prosecute our Voyage and carry out our Instructions. Not obtaining at the *Calabari* such sufficiency of provisions as this Voyage demanded, for the sustenance of the aforesaid Slaves, we resolved to go to the Highland of *Ambosius* where we were unable to procure any Provisions, as was our desire. We, therefore went to the River *Camerones*, where we obtained a few Articles, but not as much as we wanted.

Nevertheless, we pursued our Voyage towards *Capo de Lopo Goncalves*, at which place we took in Wood and Water, and thence stood across although experiencing great misery and want of food, to *Anabo*, where we got some Provisions and went on our Voyage and made land in the month of *October* last at the Island of *Tobago*, the greater portion of the Slaves having died from Want and Sicknefs, in consequence of such a very long Voyage, so that we saved only *Ninety* Slaves, out of the whole Cargo. Having taken in wood and

water and a few Refreshments from the furrounding Islands, we set sail and after we fixed our course on the *first* instant, west by south, we ran ashore, two hours before day, on one of the Riffs of *Rocus*, on the North East side of the Island. Perceiving our danger, we saved ourselves with all the Crew in the Boat, leaving the Negroes in the Ship, taking our course to this place, in order to inform the Hon^{ble} Director *M. Beck* of our Misfortune. After we had left some of the men at *Bonayre*, because the Boat was too

heavily laden with the Crew, we arrived here on the *fourth* instant. Having reported ourselves to the aforesaid Hon^{ble} Director, he dispatched me with the above Boat to *Aruba*, whither the Company's Vessels had sailed, the day before, on the Company's business, with orders to proceed in said Vessels with five of my men, and *Jan van Gaelen*, the Company's servant. Arriving there on the following day, we went over in the Company's Vessel, whereof *Hans Marcussen Stuyve* was Skipper, with *Jan van Gaelen*, and two of my

Crew, and the other three of my men in the Bark, called *The Young Brindled Cow*, of which *Jan Ryckertsen* was Skipper, all in the service of the Company.

We pursued our Voyage without any mishap, pursuant to the orders we had received from the aforefaid Hon^{ble} Director here, and so on to *Rocus*, to save the Slaves and Ship's property, and having sailed on the evening of the *seventh* after remaining half an hour here, we arrived in the afternoon of the following day off *Bonayre* where we met an

English Privateer, who having the wind of us, overtook us and compelling us to strike and to send off a Boat, the aforesaid *Jan van Gaelen* went on board him, who told him, we came from *Curaçao* and were going to *Bonayre*. Thereupon, the said Privateer dispatched in our Boat, in which *Jan van Gaelen* whom he detained, had gone to his Ship, on board our Vessel a party of his men to search for Pieces of Eight which, they said, we had. Then not finding any, as we had none, they forced us to run with them

up the Roadstead of *Bonayre*, where we arrived about *two* hours before the Privateer. Some of my Men who were on shore, not knowing any thing of these proceedings, called out, If I were on board? The Privateer's men taking up the word before me, asked, Who? Thereupon they answered, The Skipper of the Ship wrecked at *Rocus*, adding, Had we been to the Slaves, or were we going to save them? The Privateers answered, That they were going to save them; manifesting great joy thereat, saying, when the Privateer

cast anchor, Captain, we have a good Prize. Thereupon they forced the Deponent to go on board the Rover which was a small Frigate, carrying *four* guns, and about *thirty* men, whereof *Jan Pietersen*, a native of *Denmark*, was Captain. This Vessel was called *The Castle frigate*. Coming on board, the Captain enquired, How many Negroes he had left on his Ship? Deponent answered, *Eighty*. When he heard that, he sent the Vessel in which the Deponent came, to *Little Curaçao*, to bring his Lieutenant and some of his

men, who were lying there in a Periauger, which they had taken from the Spaniards, to watch the Company's Vessels. Meanwhile this Deponent remained on board the Rover, and they returning to us in the Roadstead of *Bonayre*, the Rover permitted this Deponent to go back to the Bark, on board of which still were, Skipper *Hans Marcussen* aforesaid, with one of his hands, who had been compelled to go to *Little Curaçao* to fetch his Lieutenant and men. To this Vessel I came, as stated, from the aforesaid Rover with two of

my Crew, being then in all *five* servants of the Company on said Company's Vessel. The Captain of the Rover having then placed his Lieutenant and Pilot, with some of his hands, on board the Bark, we set sail under compulsion, leaving *Jan van Gaelen* and some of our men behind, whom the Rover retained by force on board his Ship, not heeding any protests or requests as free men, which they themselves admitted us to be, having cognizance of the Commission granted by the Hon^{ble} Director to the afore-

said *Hans Marcussen Stuyve*,
 as Skipper of the aforesaid
 Vessel, and that therefore, they
 used force and violence to-
 wards us who were not in any
 manner in their service, but
 indeed in that of the Com-
 pany, to whom alone we owed
 Obedience, and that for the
 purpose of executing the or-
 ders of the Hon^{ble} Director, to
 which end and to no other,
 were we sent out. All this
 notwithstanding, were we com-
 pelled to accompany the afore-
 said Rover who set sail at the
 same time, taking his course
 towards the Main land of *Ca-*

raccas where he drove on shore a Spanish Ship mounting *six* guns, and with our Bark, in our presence and before Deponent's face, drove a Spanish Periauger ashore. Thence they and the Rover forced us to cross over and cast anchor under *Little David's island*, and having put more people in our Bark, until she numbered in all fourteen men, whilst he remained there at Anchor, we set sail for *Rocus*.

On arriving at that place, we found the other of the Company's Vessels, named *The Young Brindled Cow*, whereof

Jan Ryckertsen aforefaid was Skipper, with three of my men on board, who accompanied him to *Aruba*, out of my Boat. They went thither, as already ftated, by command of the aforefaid Hon^{ble} Director, alfo with orders to no other intent than to fave the aforefaid Slaves &c, and had lain there four Days and had fo far fucceeded as to pafs a line on board my Ship, two of the Negroes coming on board fwimming. The aforefaid line breaking loofe, and finding themfelves too weak in confequence of the ftong

wind, the Men resolved to wait our arrival, having been informed of our approach, so as, when thus reinforced and the Weather would moderate, to save with our Sloop and Boat the aforefaid furviving Slaves &c. from my Ship which also belonged to the Company. Then they, the Rover's men, who were on board our Bark, fupposing that the aforefaid Skipper *Jan Ryckertsen* with his Crew and my three men had faved all, coming to them went on board with our Bark, according to the orders they had to that effect, from their

Captain, who had been informed of the departure of the aforesaid Company's Bark and the purport for which we were sent out, by a Frießlander named *Jacob Petersen* from *Belcom*, a Sailor in the Company's service, under Skipper *Hans Marcussen Stuyve*, who had voluntarily deserted to them on the same day that we came on board the *Rover*. Which orders were to board them, to see if they had saved the Slaves &c. and to seize and remove them. They accordingly did attack them in a hostile manner in the pre-

fence of the Deponent and four other of the Company's Servants who could not refrain from remonstrating against the injustice which they demonstrated they were doing. Finding that no more than the two aforesaid Slaves had been saved, they took away, per force our Boat together with *Jan Ryckertsen's* Boat, all the property of the Company appertaining to the aforesaid Vessels, and with them, the weather moderating somewhat, removed the Slaves from my Ship, making use for that purpose of one of my Matrosses named

Martin Michielsen van Hulst, who was on board *Jan Ryckertsen's* Bark aforesaid. By his assistance, for the Negroes knew him and called him by name, the aforesaid *Jan Ryckertsen* got the line on board, and in like manner accompanied one of the Rovers at the time all the Slaves &c. were on board, and then came again swimming on board the Lieutenant of the Rover with *two* of his men, who then numbered *four*, having again brought a rope on board from the Company's Vessel by which they let all

the Negroes who were capable of swimming, swim off to the Rift, whilst they brought those who could not swim in a Boat belonging to the aforesaid Vessels, to the same Rift, and having meanwhile made the other Boat dry inside the Rift, they brought in her on board the aforesaid *Jan Ryckertsen's* Bark, *eighty two* Slaves and *two* Sucklings. And this Deponent having, before they removed any of the Slaves, requested of the Lieutenant and his men belonging to the Rover, permission to go with his aforesaid Matros, he was

unwilling to grant it until some of the Slaves had been removed out of the Ship, so that when this Deponent went on board his Ship there remained on board no more than about *thirty* Slaves. After all the Negroes had been removed from his Ship, this Deponent was conveyed to *Jan Ryckertsen's* Bark, with the Instructions which General *Johan Valckenburgh* had given him, together with all the Papers and Accounts of the said Commissary, relating to his freight and other business matters, done pursuant to the Compa-

ny's orders. Then the Deponent was conveyed by them with the aforesaid Bark and Negroes, to *David's island*, where the Rover lay at anchor waiting for us, leaving behind them the Vessel whereof *Jan Marcussen Stuyve* is Skipper, to save *two* Negroes whom the Deponent had left on board when he quit the Ship. That Vessel joined them the next day at *David's island*, bringing along the *two* aforesaid Slaves, some Kettles, Rope and about 70 pounds of Elephants' teeth, also some Flags, Compasses and other articles. The Rover

having removed the Slaves and every thing else out of the Company's Vessels, took from the Deponent the Instructions given him by the General, with all the Commissary's Papers, notwithstanding the protests and requests to the contrary, giving the Deponent for answer, that all belonged to him. He, moreover, commanded them to remain by him until he had hauled Wood and Water, and afterwards took *Hans Marcussen Stuyve's* Vessel, saying he required her. He then made the Deponent remain on board *Jan Ryckert-*

sen's Bark, compelling him to make room for said *Hans Marcussen Stuyve* with all his Crew and some of the Deponent's men. Then he ordered them not to sail for this Place until he had taken his departure, which was on the 23d instant, steering his course towards the Main. And this Deponent with his Crew and that of the Company's Bark, took their course with the afore-said *Jan Ryckertsen's* Bark, to this Place where they arrived in safety on the 25th instant.

This he declares to be the truth, and to have thus oc-

curred, and will if needs be,
confirm the same on oath, in
presence of Mr *Gysbert de*
Rosa and *Peter de Leeuw*,
witnesses hereunto invited.
Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam
the 27th *November* A° 1659.

(Signed)

ADRIAEN BLAES.

Witnesses.

Ghyssbert de Rosa

Peter de Leeuw

In my presence

NICOLAES HAEK,

Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

MATTHIAS BECK, *in the service
of their High Mightinesses
the Lords States General of
the free United Netherlands
and of the Hon^{ble} General
Incorporated West India
Company, Governor over the
Curaçao Islands*, GREETING:

BE it known, that one Jan
Pietersen of Coling in
Denmark, styling himself Com-
mander of a Ship called *The
Castle Frigate*, having with
him some Englishmen, French-

men and Dutchmen, who are cruising with him on this Coast in the Ship aforesaid, hath dared to attack the Company's Vessels near *Bonayre* and *Rocus*, and forcibly to take possession thereof, and with them and the Company's Men to take by force, among others, *eighty four* healthy Negroes out of the Company's Ship, called *The St. John*, coming from the Coast of *Guinea*, which was wrecked on the Riffs of *Rocus*, where one of the aforesaid Company's Ships was already engaged in saving said Negroes for the Company,

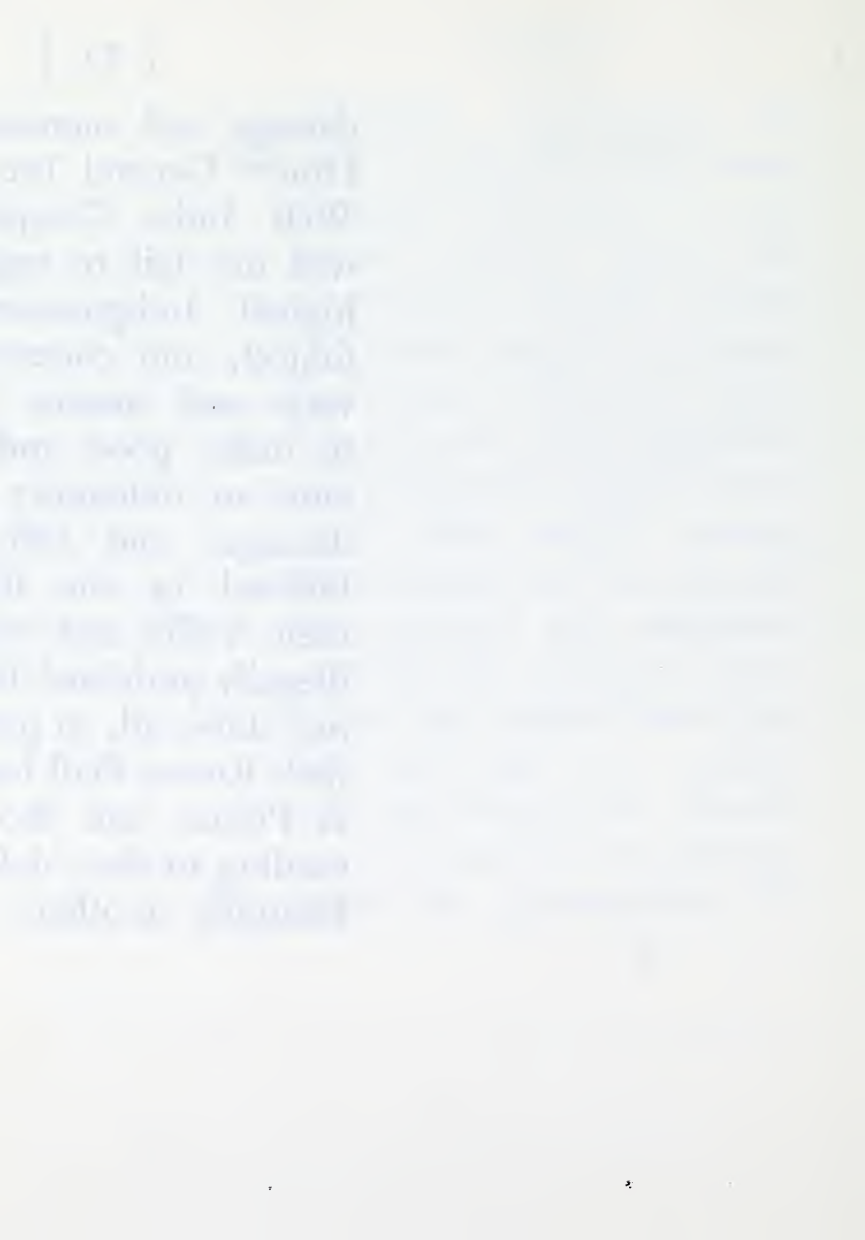
whose Property they were, with all that was in the Ship, to bring them here to *Curaçao*, for which purpose they were expressly sent hence thither; Regardless whereof, the afore-said *Jan Pietersen* hath not only prevented the Company's Vessels executing their Instructions and Orders, but hath made himself Master of said Vessels, and with them and Boats, stole not only the said Negroes and every thing else, but in addition thereto carried off one of the Company's best sailing Vessels called *The Young Ostrich*, to the great damage

of the Hon^{ble} Company, and appropriated the same to himself as good booty, so as all is to be seen by the Informations, Relations, Reports and Delarations of the Skipper and Crews of the Vessels aforesaid.

And *Whereas* the aforesaid *Jan Pieterzen* and his Men have heretofore committed similar acts under irregular Commission and persist in the same course, especially as public Pirates, by the seizure of the Company's Vessel and Negroes, and have threatened to continue so to do; And *Whereas* among others, one of

the Company's Matroffes named *Jan Pieterfen* of *Belcom*, a Frieſlander, being in our actual ſervice, having failed as Matrofs on board the Company's ſtyger ſchuit, *The Young Brindled Cow*, hath voluntarily gone over to this Pirate, diſregarding the Allegiance, Plight and Oath, whereby he was bound to the Company, but on the contrary, as appears by Information, hath acted and is ſtill acting, as a Spy for theſe Pirates; All which and what precedes are matters of very ill conſequence, of ſerious

damage and moment to the Hon^{ble} General Incorporated West India Company, who will not fail to express their highest Indignation on this subject, and endeavor by all ways and means, not only to make good and to procure an indemnity for their damages and losses already suffered by the stealing of their Vessel and Negroes, so illegally purloined from them, but above all, to procure that such Rovers shall be punished as Pirates and Robbers, according to their deserts, as an Example to others.



To this end, therefore, with the advice of Our Council, upon the certain Proofs and Reports to Us rendered, We, being unwilling to lose any time in overhauling the said Sea Robbers, have Resolved and concluded, in the Name and on the Behalf of the Lords Principals, their High Mightinesses the Lords States General, and the Hon^{ble} General Incorporated West India Company, for their protection and the Public Good, hereby to warn all the Company's Captains, and Ships as well as Private Skippers and Ships

and Veffels at present lying or about to come, within this Harbor, who owe allegiance to their High Mightineffes the Lords States General and are in the fervice of the Hon^{ble} General Incorporated Weft India Company not only to be on their guard againft the aforefaid Pirates and Sea Robbers, but fhould they meet them at Sea, them to attack, openly and with force and arms, and bring them in here to *Curaçao*, or if they fall in with them at any of the *Lee-ward Iflands*, to complain of them to the Governors and

Magistrates at such place where they happen to find them, according to the Proofs thereof in existence, and to procure that such Justice may be inflicted upon them as the Informations shall justify. Requesting all Generals, Governors and Commanders both on Sea and on Land, to whom these Our Letters for the execution of the premises shall be shown, to administer good Law and Justice to them. Such will We reciprocate on like Occasion. Thus done and enacted on the Island *Curaçao* in *Fort Amsterdam* the 5th *December*, A° 1659.

Vice Director BECK to the WEST
INDIA COMPANY, *Chamber at*
Amsterdam.

Curaçao, 5 January, 1660.

Honorable, Respected, Wife,
Prudent and most Discreet
Sirs,

Gentlemen,

BY the Ships *King Solomon*
and *St. John* 3d Sep-
tember, was my last to your
Honors, to which I refer.

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I despatch these few lines
at present by the bearers
hereof, the Commissary and

Skipper of the Ship *St. John*, who coming from the Coast of *Guinea* with Negroes were wrecked on *Rocus* on the Voyage hither, leaving behind them some *Eighty* living Slaves, besides many and a greater number of dead ones who were starved on the way for want of food. Your Honors will please see in the accompanying Papers what diligence I have used to save those living; also, how the Sea Rovers, of whom I heretofore advised you, have carried off not only the Negroes, but also the best of the Company's Barks, as appears

by the said Papers, to which and to the verbal Report of the aforesaid Commissary and Skipper I, for brevity sake, refer.

With submission to your Honors, it would in my opinion not be unadvisable if a suitable well fitted Vessel or Yacht could be obtained, carrying half a dozen guns. She could be employed in bringing Horses from *Aruba* to *Bonayre* and this place, many of which are now bitten to death by the Rattlesnakes there, and on such occurring occasions be manned with hands sufficient

to overhaul such Sea Rovers, and used for various other purposes.

As it is in the highest degree necessary to look after the Sea Rovers, in order at least to impress them with the fear of approaching so near us, I have chartered a small private Boat, mounting *six* guns, strongly manned and double armed to look up the afore-said Sea Robbers at the place where, we presume, they are sojourning, in the hope of obtaining not only some advantage over them, but if we should catch the Ringleaders,

of having such punishment
inflicted on them as would
serve as an example to others.
Herein we shall not fail in
our duty.

Director BECK *to Director*
STUYVESANT.

Curaçao, 4. February, 1660.

Sir,

MY last dated 23 August
and 10th September
were sent your Honor by the
Ship *Sphera Mundi* as per
copies annexed, to which I
refer. Since then, I have had
none of yours to acknowledge.
Therefore this shall be the
shorter, the rather as I trans-
mit enclosed to you open the
accompanying despatch to our
Lords Masters, in order that

you may, yourself, be able to see from it what transpired here, and having taken cognizance thereof to seal and send it by the first sailing Ship to Amsterdam to the Lords Masters.

As your Honor will be able to glean from the Informations and Papers inclosed therein, what sort of Sea Rovers here have taken the Company's Negroes and Bark, among which visitors was also to be found one *Pickled Herring*, who formerly went privateering with Captain *Beaulieu*, and now and then makes his

appearance in your Honor's jurisdiction in *New Netherland*, and possibly some of the Ringleaders of them may land there, we wish, in such case, that they were made known to you, to the end that you may cause such Justice to be administered to them as they deserve.

If your Honor have an opportunity of writing to *Jamaica*, where I partly understand these Rovers have arrived, and where they have no Counter party and can make such Representation as they please to the General

there, your Vigilance might effect a great deal of good by transmitting a Letter on the subject to him, which shall also be done here when an opportunity offers.

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I greatly desired that the Ships expected with Negroes had arrived, in order to enable me to send your Honor some lusty fellows, but none have come up to this date, although looked for every day. We must postpone doing so until the next opportunity, God willing.

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AULUS Heyn Ridder
 from *Staden*, aged
 about 51 years, Pilot
 of the Ship the *Arms of Am-*
sterdam, and *Leendert Jacques*
van Cuelen, born at *Amster-*
dam, aged about 26 years,
 Assistant Commissary, who
 arrived here yesterday from
Virginia, in Mr. *Foscom's* Bark,

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appeared at the Meeting of the Director General and Council of *New Netherland*, and made known and declared as followeth:

That they, the Deponents, set sail from the *Castle del Mina* on the 21st *February* last in the service and for the account of the Hon^{ble} Incorporated West India Company, Chamber at Amsterdam, in the Ship the *Arms of Amsterdam*, at which time *Jan Geritsen Nuchteren*, who died on the passage on the , was Skipper, with orders and command from the Hon^{ble} Ge-

neral *Jan Valckenburgh* to repair to *Loango* in *Angola*, to take in a cargo of Slaves there, and convey them to the Island of *Curaçao*.

April 15. Having arrived at *Loango* and taken on board 101 head of Slaves there for account of the abovementioned Company,

On the 28th of said month, again set sail for *Curaçao*.

June 20. Sighted *Curaçao*, but could not reach said Island in consequence of the strong Current and stiff East wind. Having vainly endeavored, during three days and three

nights, to laveer, and Water beginning to get very low, we were necessitated to change our course, and thus

July 2, came to the Salt ground of *Cayman*, which is one of the Cayman Islands, where, whilst engaged in taking Water and some Turtle on board, on

July 6, about noon, *five* Ships came to anchor there; *four* with English flags and one under Portuguese colors, which last, called the *Maria of London*, whereof one *Robert Downeman* was Captain, after she had taken some hands on board from the other Ships,

immediately weighed anchor again, and came down on the Deponent's Ship, calling out, "Strike for the King of Portugal;" and at once, without giving time to strike, fired a shotted Cannon and a discharge of Musketry killing two Negroes dead, and wounding one Dutchman. After having thus fired, came straight on board, seized the Ship and Negroes, forced the Crew to go to the Ship aforesaid and plundered every thing. The Captains of the four English Ships abovementioned, one of whom was called Captain *Gey*

and another, Captain *Brommert*, got some of the Negroes because they had furnished him men, but the Deponents do not know how many. After they had lain there some days, said Captain having first dismantled his own Frigate set her on fire, and

July 18, sailed thence with the aforesaid Ship, *The Arms of Amsterdam*, having enlisted some of the Sailors, giving out that he intended to sail to *Montserrat* in the Caribbean Islands, but as the Ship was a poor Sailer, and Water was short, he set sail for *Virginia* and arrived

September 10, in the Bay there.

September 19, arrived at *Elizabeth's river*, whence the Deponent went to *Nancimon*.

October 6, departed thence for this place in Mr. *Foscom's* Bark, and arrived here yesterday.

All which they declared to be true and truthful. In testimony whereof these presents are signed by them in *Fort Amsterdam* in *New Netherland*, the 13th October A^o 1663.

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APPENDIX.

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ADDITIONAL PAPERS

RELATIVE TO

The Slave Trade

UNDER THE DUTCH.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

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[1646.] **H**AVING observed that more Negroes could be profitably traded off there than were carried thither in the Ship *Tamandare*, we shall pay attention that for the future more Negroes shall be conveyed thither.

Bill of Sale of a Negro.

BEFORE me *Cornelis Van Tienhoven*, Secretary of *New Netherland*, appeared *Fredrick Lubbersen*, who declared to have sold unto *Richard Lord*, a Negro named *Anthony*, which Negro, he the Grantor hereby conveys and transports in right ownership to the abovenamed *Richard Lord*, who shall be at liberty to use the said Negro during his life, at all such work, as he, *Richard Lord*, shall think proper. He *Fredrick Lubbersen* declares from this day forward to desist from all property in the said Negro. In testimony whereof these presents are signed by *Fredrick Lubbersen* and witness hereunto invited, 28th 9ber 1646.

FREDRICK LUBBERTSEN.

To my knowledge,

CORNELIS VAN TIENHOVEN, *Secretary*.

ADRIAEN VAN TIENHOVEN, *Witness*.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

EFFORTS are just now making at the *Hague* before their High Mightinesses to effect a general Reform in all the Colonial possessions of this Company, and *New Netherland* also was remembered on that occasion. It has been already provisionally resolved that all Colonists of that Country shall be empowered to export their products of Flour, Fish, Beef, Pork, Peas, Beans, &c., in their own, or in chartered Ships to *Brazil*, and *Angola*; that said Ships may again take freight from *Brazil* to this Country, but that those who have completed their trade in *Angola* shall be at liberty to convey Negroes back home to be employed in the cultivation of

their lands. By this resolution Your Honor will observe that we ourselves are at liberty to send a Ship with all sorts of Provisions to *Angola* and to convey Negroes back in return. Therefore please to embrace this opportunity as quickly as possible with the Provisions which you say you will have remaining.

Amsterdam, 7th April, 1648.

*Directors at Amsterdam to
the Commonalty at the
Manhattans.*

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AND in order that you may be the more fully assured of our good intention, we do hereby consent that the Commonalty yonder shall have liberty to repair to the

Coast of *Angola* and *Africa*, and transport thence as many Negroes as they will make use of for the cultivation of their Lands, on the Conditions and regulations which are sent herewith to the Director.

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Amsterdam, 4th April, 1652.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

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WE have by contract given and granted to some private Merchants permission empowering them to repair to the Coast of *Africa* to trade for Slaves there, and to carry and convey them to the *West Indies* and the Islands situate thereabout, and as we expect that the aforesaid

Ships or some of them will go to *New Netherland* to sell their Slaves also to the Inhabitants there, in such case we desire and request that Your Honor will not demand any Duties from them, but lend them all reasonable Assistance, in order to the removal of every obstacle which might prove a hinderance to Agriculture. This for your information and notification.*

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Amsterdam, this 6th June, 1653.

* NOTE BY DR. VANDERKEMP.—Here are reported unquestionable Facts that the *Dutch* were the chief Supporters of the Slave Trade, stamping their Seal on the Declaration of one of the Magistrates of *Amsterdam* to Prince *Frederick*, “that he would send a Cargo to *Hell* at the Risk of singeing his Sails if he were sure of a prosperous Voyage.”

*Resolution of the Assembly of
the XIX.**Monday, 15 September, 1653.*

THE Committee appointed for this purpose reports with regard to the Ninth Article relative to Privateering, as the result of their deliberations, that the Regulation of the year 1646 on this subject ought to remain in force, but in order to encourage Individuals, in this critical conjuncture, to equip Vessels to annoy the Enemy, it might be permitted, besides lowering the duties granted in 1652, that the following alterations be provisionally adopted :

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The Negroes coming in prizes from beyond the Seas, and nothing

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else, may be exported, with the consent of the Government in *Brazil*, to all such places as the interested may deem proper.

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The duties which the Company receives from all prize goods brought in and mentioned in the aforesaid rule, Negroes included, shall be reduced to *ten* per cent, and no more.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

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26. **A**FTER closing and dispatch-
ing the duplicate hereof
which goes by the Ship *The Black*
Eagle, we have on the Petition of
some private Merchants, viz., *Jan*

Sweerts and *Dirck Pieterſen Wittepaert*, and in order to promote Population and Agriculture there, conſented and allowed that they may go with their Ship the *Wittepaert* to the Coaſt of *Africa*, and having trafficked for Slaves there, convey the ſame to *New Netherland* to be ſold to the Inhabitants there, provided that of the Goods and returns proceeding from ſaid Slaves, and which ſhall be brought back in the abovementioned Ship, there ſhall be paid to the Company the lawful Duties fixed thereon, or otherwiſe the ordinary Tonnage duty according to the regulation enacted at the Coaſt of *Africa*, at the Company's option, as appears by the annexed extract of Reſolutions adopted on the 19th of this month.

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Amſterdam, 23d November, 1654.

*Resolution of the Amsterdam
Chamber of the West India
Company.*

No. 26.

*Thursday, the 19th Novem- }
ber, 1654.*

MR. *Jan de Sweerts* and *Dirck Pieterfen Wittepaert* appeared before the Assembly, and requested permission to proceed hence with their Ship the *Wittepaert*, to the Coast of *Africa* for Slaves, and to dispose of these in *New Netherland*, on payment of the ordinary Tonnage, or the Duty fixed therefor. Question being put, considerable discussion ensued, and as it was understood that such would tend to the increase of Population and advancement of said Place, the

same was consented to, on condition that the Company shall have the option, on the arrival of said Ship, which must come in here, to collect the proper Duties of the Goods which she is to bring with her, or the ordinary Tonnage duty, according to the Regulation enacted on the Coast of *Africa*, with which the abovementioned Mess^{rs} *Jan de Sweerts* and *Dirck Pietersen Wittepaert* are satisfied.

*Ordinance imposing a Duty on
Exported Slaves.*

Friday, 6. August, 1655.

WHEREAS the Director General and Council of *New Netherland* find that the Negroes

lately arrived here from the Bight of *Guinea* in the Ship *Witte Paert*, have been transported and carried hence without the Hon^{ble} Company or the Inhabitants of this Province having derived any Revenue or benefit therefrom, the Director General and Council have resolved and concluded that there shall be paid at the General Treasury 10 per cent of the value or purchase money of the Negroes who shall be carried away or exported from here elsewhere beyond the Jurisdiction of *New Netherland*. Dated as above.

P. STUYVESANT,
NICASIVS DE SILLE,
LA MONTAGNE.

Resolution of the Director General and Council of New Netherland.

Tuesday, 24th August, 1655.

THE Petition of *Edmund Scharburgh* being read, requesting permission to depart from this place to Virginia with his Vessel and some Negroes he has purchased, this Apofile was given :

The Request is granted, on condition that the Petitioner give bail in the sum of five thousand Pounds sterling, not to enter the South Bay or River, and that his Crew promise under Oath not go there, nor communicate any intelligence by Sea or Land to any person whomsoever.*

* Referring to the Expedition against the Swedes, on the Delaware River, then about to fail.

*Resolution of the Chamber at
Amsterdam.*

Monday, 3d. April, 1656.

IT being represented that a Ship, with the consent of the Directors of *Medenblick*, depending on the Chamber of *West Friesland* and *The North Quarter*, has sailed to the Coast of *Africa* for Slaves, with intention to sell them at the Island of *Curaçao*,* or to trade them on the Main, it is resolved to oppose the aforesaid sale or barter, and to write to Vice Director *Beck* there, to detain the aforesaid Ship and Slaves and to proceed therewith so and in

* *Curaçao* was exclusively under the Direction of the Chamber at *Amsterdam*, and it may be inferred from the above that the exclusive Control of the Dutch Slave Trade was also vested in that Chamber.

such manner as he shall find consistent with law.

*Vice Director BECK to the
Directors at Amsterdam.*

Curaçao, 11. June, 1657.

Honorable, Respected, Wise, Prudent and most Discreet Gentlemen.

Gentlemen,

MY last to your Honors was by way of the *Caribbean Islands*, which I hope has been received long ere this. Since then safely arrived here the Freight-boat with those who were commissioned and sent for purposes explained in our previous dispatch, from this place, to the *Caraquas*, the principal Capital of the Main, lying nearest this

Island, bringing with them the written Answer of the Governor of said locality, who, as represented, was favorably inclined to what was proposed to him in our letter, yet dared not manifest such in public, because, as he alleges, of the Limits agreed upon and concluded in the Articles or Treaty of Peace between his Royal Majesty of *Spain* and their High Mightinesses the Lords States General. The original Letter received from there, mentioned above, goes herewith, together with the Relation and Verbal Report of the disposition in which our two Commissioners, who were sent thither, found them. Nevertheless, in order to avoid suspicion and arrest, and on account of some Ships lying there, they did not find it expedient to deliver the principal and separate Memorial entrusted to

them to the Governor and Chief Authorities of that place, the rather as no occasion or opportunity presented itself; for they had not been further than the beach in the Harbor and under the Fortrefs, whence they had been again difpatched without having been invited to *Caraquas*, the Capital. They were, however, by order and command of the Governor of *Caraquas* courteoufly entertained by the chief officers of the Fortrefs and place, of the Village and Harbor where they lay and were offered every thing they stood in need of for the profecution of their Voyage to *Eufatius*. They report that they have had many inquiries and follicitations for goods, fuch as Silks, Linens and Hats, but they excufed themfelves; trade to their Coafts, Harbors and Territories not being permitted, they dared not

bring any thing with them. But on the other hand, if they had an opportunity, and would please to come to *Curaçao*, to purchase Negroes and Merchandize, they would be welcome there and accommodated to their satisfaction either for Specie, Hides, Tobacco or other commodities saleable in Europe. They had communicated to divers individuals the separate Memorial with which they had been entrusted, and had, according to opportunity, divulged it to them as amply and fully as was in their power, and stimulated some thereby to such a degree as to create hope that some time or other it will produce fruit. Your Honors can inform yourselves more fully on the subject by reference to the Reports and Documents sent herewith.

A certain Biscayan, an inhabitant

of *Caraquas* had, among others, an interview with our Commissioners and gave them to understand that he had a new Vessel on the stocks there with which he was intending at an early day to make a Voyage along the Main from *Caraquas* hitherward, to certain little Islands lying in the neighborhood of, and opposite *Bonayre*, near the Main, to catch Turtle, and expected to be engaged there three weeks. It was his intention, according to circumstances, to take with him, as a venture, some Tobacco, Hides and other wares, in order, should people come there to trade with him and bring along such goods as would be of use to him, that he would have payment ready for them, and also have a better opportunity to converse about other trade.

With a view, therefore, to en-

courage those people more and more in our favor, I resolved, upon the abovementioned Report, by advice of and after communication with the adjoined Council here, to send one of the Company's Sloops, with a small cargo of such things as we could obtain here, as a venture thither. I found said Biscayan faithful to his proposal and promise, only he was prevented bringing any Hides or Tobacco with him, by being obliged, by the Governor of *Caraquas*, to convey some persons for the King to *Porto Cabello*, and in order not to create any evil suspicion in their minds, he dared not on this occasion bring any thing with him in his Bark except a little rough Copper or *Slacken* which he exchanged for the small cargo he bespoke from our people, and further made a Proposal and even

wrote a Letter to me with his own hand, the original whereof is annexed, to purchase the Company's Negroes, that is, all that are here at present, on the following conditions, to wit; That the Company shall have a Ship with their own Crew here ready for the Negroes to embark in, and when resolved to accept his offer, to let him know by those recently with him, at the place designated by him, when he will without loss of time, repair in person to this harbor, and enter into an Agreement and terms for what articles and at what price the Negroes shall be delivered at the place where he hopes to bring them in safety and without danger; and that he will not receive any Negroes before payment for them shall be made on board the Ship, and he or his partner shall remain on board

the Ship, with the Negroes until the Conditions and Agreement which will be made here, shall be fully carried out.

He reports that the place to which he says he will convey them is on the North side of *Cuba*, where the (Spanish) Nation has no Fortrefs nor means to prevent the project or to disturb them; also that he will leave his own Cousin, who is likewise related to the friends to whom he will convey the Negroes, here at *Curaçao* as a Hostage and security, until it be manifest that he shall have performed in good faith all he has promised; as more fully appears by the annexed Relation and report of Cornet *Balthazar Van Es* and *Johan Rombouts* on the subject. He has requested an answer to this, for his information. I therefore wish your Honors' early

Instructions hereupon, as to what I shall do, or omit in this matter, and that in the meanwhile I may receive a supply of provisions sufficient for the Negroes to enable me to wait for him.

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I have received the Agreement and Condition which Your Honors have concluded with Mr. *Henricus Matthias*, merchant of *Amsterdam*, respecting the Negroes. On looking and reading it over, I find it very favorable for that gentleman, wherefore my impression is that your Honors' intention in concluding it is to begin and introduce the trade here. I shall not be wanting, God willing, in obeying and executing your Honors' orders and Instructions in this regard faithfully and to my best ability. Meanwhile, should it happen that

Mr. *Henricus Matthias's* expected Ship did not arrive here, as it has not yet done, I shall expect your further order and answer whether we shall dare to proceed or not with the Negroes on the aforesaid Biscayan's presented proposals extended as above. In the strong hope and expectation that we shall be able to open a trade with our nearest neighbors, I shall purchase on your Honors' account a small cargo from Skipper *Simon Cornelissen Gilde*, so that they may at least find something on coming here; and our Vessels on passing near *Bonayre* may advise the Biscayan and the other Inhabitant already mentioned, what goods can be purchased here on arriving, taking a sample along to show them, should occasion present, and, at the same time, inform the Biscayan that

I have not received any orders to allow Negroes to leave the Island until payment for them has been made, and that I shall let him have, within four months after date, a fuller and more explicit answer which I hope I shall receive from your Honors in the meantime.

I am confident that on these Conditions he would readily give *Two hundred* pieces of Eight for a merchantable Negro or Negrefs, one with another, whilst he gave us to understand, that the price of Hides would be *Eighteen* shillings.

Vice Director BECK to the Directors at Amsterdam.

Curaçao, 28. July, 1657.

Gentlemen.

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AS I advised your Honors in my last, I dispatched the Freight-boat to the appointed and prefixed place—a certain small Island near the Main—to the Biscayan and sent him word on the subject of his trading for Negroes, as I had informed your Honors more at large in my last. Whereupon he resolved to visit this place in person, in our aforesaid Freight-boat (*Stygerschuit*). He was accompanied by a certain *Padre*, named Friar *Francis* to purchase a few parcels of merchandize with one or two little Negro Girls.

I also sold to the abovenamed Biscayan, a small Negro Boy with a few goods, for which he had brought with him some Hides and Tobacco in our aforesaid Boat ; these are sent herewith as a specimen by the Ship *Ostrich*, the price of the Hides being *Fifteen* shillings each and of the Tobacco *Six* pieces of Eight the Arobe of *Twenty five* Pounds. I have sold to the aforesaid *Padre* Friar *Francis*, goods to the amount of *Four hundred* pieces of Eight and *two* little Negro Girls, all at a fair and reasonable price, in order to encourage and stimulate them to come to these Ports to trade, which I think is greatly for the Company's interest. Wherefore, I let the *Padre* have the *two* little Negro Girls @ *One hundred and fifty* pieces of Eight each, which together amounts to *Three hundred* pieces of Eight,

and to the aforesaid Biscayan a little Boy @ *One hundred and twenty* pieces of Eight. The Merchandizes which I sold them were purchased from the bearer hereof, *Simon Cornelissen Gilde*, Skipper of the Ship *Ostrich*, expressly for this purpose on your Honors' account before their arrival, in order that our nearest Neighbors on coming here may at least on such occasion find something for the asking, until your Honors might send such cargoes as the case requires, as I have partly explained in my last.

Although the abovementioned *Padre*, Friar *Francis*, did not bring with him any payment for what he purchased, yet could I not let him go away empty handed, as it was the first time, in consequence of the conversation and verbal Agreement entered into with our Commissary

and Skipper of the Freight-boat before his arrival here—that is, to let them return to the appointed place with what they had purchased, on condition that they should not land, much less receive possession of what has not been paid for here, until they have made payment therefor to the Commissary and Skipper of the aforesaid freight Boat, in good and sufficient Hides.

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With regard to the trade in Negroes, the aforesaid Biscayan, now here, hath given me such explanations and further information on that point, that we can come to no other conclusion than that a good and favorable result is to be expected from it. He hath communicated to me the most direct and shortest route, how and in what manner not only a shipload of

Negroes, but successively a cargo of good saleable Merchandise besides could be traded off. Were a Ship with necessaries in the harbor here, he is willing on receiving notice thereof at the appointed place, to come here and enter into such agreement with the Company from which as he firmly believes, he and the Company would derive great advantage.

The place the Negroes should be conveyed to is called *Porto Velo*, the staple place of trade. Permission can be obtained to dispose of the cargo freely there on paying *One hundred and thirteen* pieces of Eight for each Negro, which is the Royalty. But such permission is not given except to persons of their own Nation; but it can be obtained under the pretext that they had chartered a Dutch Ship and

Crew to fetch and bring over the Negroes, and that the Negroes and Merchandize in the Ship are the property of their Nation.

Such is the manner in which the aforeſaid Biſcayan would contract for and purchaſe Negroes from the Company on the following Conditions: That he, or his companion, with five or ſix more of their Nation, ſhall embark at their own expenſe with the Company's Skipper, Commiſſary, Crew and Matroſſes in the Ship lying ready to ſail and proſecute with them their Voyage to *Porto Velo*, and after receiving a permit there from the Governor, ſell the Negroes which they know they can ſell immediately after their arrival at ſuch a high price that the outlay of the aforeſaid Royalty in order to obtain the Permit, may be eaſily repaid. Therefore, they

will undertake this themselves, and pay to the Company, after safe arrival there, for each Negro and Negress between *Eighteen* and *thirty* years of age, *Two hundred* Reals or Pieces of Eight, in Silver bars or pieces of Eight; further they will be able to obtain there a proper permit to trade then to other places, to load the Ship with such cargo and freight as the countries supply and are most profitable to the country. In like manner, the price for the Goods being agreed upon and arranged here, the payment there for them shall be made in the same manner as for the Negroes, but the risk of the Sea and the expenses of the Negroes, until they arrive at the above place, must be borne by the Company, but when arrived there, they will be responsible for them. For the full per-

formance of the Conditions which shall be made here on the part of the Company, the aforesaid Biscayan offers to stake his life, and even to remain here in person in the Fort, or to leave another responsible person here in custody of the Company at the risk of his life, if any fraud is, or has been intended or designed. And it is further conditioned that the Negroes in their minority, as well as old and deformed ones, must be disposed of at a special and lower price. On these terms he is resolved, at all times from now henceforth, whenever a Ship with Negroes will be ready here, at the time and place to be named where advice is to be sent him, to come hither and with God's merciful help faithfully to perform whatever is abovementioned.

The other Plan or proposal mentioned in my last, to run the Negroes

in at the north side of *Cuba*, is not, he says, so feasible as this.

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*Charter of the Ship Eyckenboom
for a Voyage to Africa and
New Netherland.*

IN the Name of the Lord, Amen.
In the year of the birth of
Our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*,
1659, the 25th of *January*, be-
fore me *Henrick Schaeff*, admitted
by the Court of *Holland* a Notary
Public residing in *Amsterdam*, and
the undersigned witnesses, in their
own persons came and appeared
Messieurs *Edward Man* and *Abra-
ham Wilmerdoncx*, Directors of the
Incorporated West India Company
at the Chamber here in *Amsterdam*

hereunto authorized by the Board of their Associates, as charterers on the one part, and Skipper *Jan Jansen Eyckenboom* of *Hoorn*, Master under God, of his Ship named the *Eyckenboom*, long 1^cxx, wide xxv and one half, hold xi and one half, over it five and one half and six feet, with a half deck and forecastle on either side, and the aforesaid parties declared and do hereby declare to have made and concluded together a certain Contract for a charter of said Ship, in the form and manner hereinafter described, To wit :

That the aforesaid Skipper shall be bound immediately to deliver his aforesaid Ship here in the City fitted out, tight, well caulked, and provided with good and sufficient anchors, cordage, tackle, sails, running and standing rigging and all

other necessaries and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the same to mount with *Ten* good pieces of Cannon, with the requisite powder and shot and other ammunition in proportion, but the necessary consumption of powder and shot aforesaid shall be made good by the Company, which shall also put on board said Ship in addition to the *Ten* pieces aforesaid as many other guns as they please and can conveniently place, and shall provide and pay the expence of the powder and shot therefor, on condition that in the necessary consumption thereof, the aforesaid Skipper shall bear the contingent of his Ship aforesaid; that further, said Company shall man said Ship with such and so many hands and provide them with such stores as said Company will please and think proper. Which

being done on the one side and the other, the aforesaid Ship shall on the part of said Company, be laden with a full and suitable cargo, or to such extent as said Company shall think proper; being laden with all such goods, wares and merchandizes as they will determine, the aforesaid Ship shall, with the first fair wind and weather that God will grant, be dispatched and sail from this country direct to the Coast of *Africa* and run along said Coast from above downward, or from *Cape Verd* down, and touch, trade, lie and remain at all trading posts and ports, according to the pleasure of said Company and their Commissary, unto the Castle *St. George d'el Mina*, where they shall receive or find orders from the Company's Director General and Council or shall be furnished with them on

failing hence ; And sail towards the Bight of *Guinea* and touch and trade at all other places lying therein according to the order which shall be given him by the Director General or here ; from thence proceed further to the Islands of *Curaçao*, *Bonaire*, and *Aruba* in the *West Indies*, and also to *New Netherland*, and all round every where else the Company, or its Ministers, shall determine and order, and likewise at all said quarters and places trade and traffic Goods, Wares and Merchandizes and also take in people, load and unload at the pleasure of the aforesaid Company or its Ministers ; And to that end sail to and from, run hither and thither, anchor, lie, load and unload at said Coasts, Quarters and Places as often and as frequently and so long as the service of the Company such shall



demand; Furthermore, return and come thence to this city *Amsterdam* or the destined port of discharge, and on her safe return and arrival, there discharge and deliver to the aforesaid Company her laden return cargo and goods. Which done, there shall be paid to him the Skipper for the contracted freight, every month, the sum of *Eight hundred* guilders of xx stivers each, on condition that the Company is bound for the term of *Six* successive months or longer, to be calculated according to the length of time, all current months according to the Almanac, to run and commence when the Ship shall, in the prosecution of the Voyage, reach the Sea outside the last buoy of the *Texel*, and to expire when she shall arrive and cast anchor before this city of *Amsterdam* or her destined

port of discharge, payable xiiii days @ three weeks after the aforesaid discharge here, besides average and pilotage according to the custom of the Sea, and over and above also Hat money for the abovenamed Skipper at the Company's discretion. And said Skipper, with and besides the Company's Crew, shall also make the Voyage with the aforesaid Ship in order to look to said Ship, her appurtenances, &c., making use of the Company's stores, but the monthly pay or wages not being at its charge; And he shall be, over and above, subject to the orders and instructions, articles and other rules of the Company during the Voyage, no more nor less than if he had been sworn to observe the same, they being taken as inserted herein, and especially also in regard to particular or private forbidden

trading, in shipping or conveyance of particular or private goods, merchandizes or wares, on pain according to the aforesaid Articles, Orders and Instructions of the said Company. The abovementioned Directors, parties hereunto, pledging for the payment of the aforesaid contracted monthly or freight moneys, average and pilotage, their private persons and property, and the aforesaid Skipper, specially, also his person, Ship, appurtenances and contracted freight moneys, and generally all his other property, real and personal, present and to come without any exception, submitting the same to the Court of *Holland* and all laws and judges, all aboveboard. Done at *Amsterdam* in the presence of *Cryn van Seventer* and *Marten Hegervelt*, free citizens (*poorters*) here, witnesses hereunto invited.

Bill of Lading of Negroes.

I, *Jan Pieterfen of Dockum*, Skipper under God of my Ship named the *Spera Mundi*, now lying ready before *Curaçao*, with the first fair wind which God shall vouchsafe, to sail to *New Netherland*, where my correct unloading shall take place, acknowledge that I have received under the deck of my aforesaid Ship, from you *Frans Bruyn*, to wit, *Five* Negroes, whereof one is a Negress, all dry and well conditioned, and marked with the annexed mark. All which I promise to deliver (if God grant me a safe Voyage) with my aforesaid Ship at *N. Netherland* aforesaid, to the Hon^{ble} Director General *Petrus Stuyvesant*, or his Factor or Depu-

ties, on payment for the freight of the above described goods, at the discretion of the said Director General, and for the performance hereof, I bind myself, and all my goods and my aforesaid Ship and appurtenances. In witness of the truth, I have signed three Copies hereof with my name, all of the same tenor, the one being satisfied, the others to be void. Written at *Curaçao* the 24th day of *August*, Anno 1659.

JAN PIETERS GROS
of *Dockum*.

Vice Director BECK to *Director*
STUYVESANT.

Curaçao, August, 1659.

Honorable, Valiant, Wise, Prudent
and most Discreet Sir.

Sir,

I NOW transmit to your Honor
duplicates of what I have al-
ready sent by the Galiot *New Amstel*,
Skipper *Augustinus Heermans*, and
it will be very agreeable to me if I
may be informed by the earliest
opportunity of their speedy and safe
arrival. I would not forego the
present favorable occasion and op-
portunity of the Ship *Spera Mundi*,
Jan Pietersen Skipper, to acquaint
you of the circumstances of this
Island up to the present time (God

be praised!) in regard to the Commerce with our nearest Neighbors. Hitherto there have not been imported as many goods as the demand requires, and especially the trade in Negroes at this place which the Company hath reserved to itself, or else all are sold.

There are lying here, at present, two Ships ready to sail hence for Fatherland, which occupy my whole time, so that I have not much leisure to write to your Honor at length. The one is the Company's Ship called the *King Solomon*, which arrived here on the 2d of July from *Guinea*, with *Three hundred and thirty one* Slaves. Of these I have sold 300 @ *One hundred and fifty* pieces of Eight each, to a certain Spanish trader whom I am daily expecting to come here and receive them, which I wish may occur

before the departure of the afore-
said two Ships in order to be able
to transmit the proceeds to the
Lords Masters.

Franck Bruyn purchased out of
the aforesaid lot of Negroes for
your Honor, *Two* Boys and a Girl
who go over in this Ship. I have
done every thing possible to protect
them against the cold. *Franck
Bruyn* hath also purchased *Two* for
Commissary *Van Brugh*, who like-
wise go by this conveyance on
said Commissary's account. Your
Honor will please to have such pay-
ment collected therefor from said
Van Brugh for the Company, as
you will consider just. Commissary
Laurens van Ruyven hath also pur-
chased *Two* young Negroes here for
account of his brother the Secretary
of your Province, at the same price
as the lot sold for here, viz., *One*

hundred and fifty Patacoons.* I am still in daily expectation of a Ship with Negroes. I wish they were come, even were they a thousand head. I expect the abovementioned merchant here, as already stated, to take away those of the *King Solomon*. He is well able and will eagerly buy the whole lot at once.

I have received orders from the Lords Masters to send your Honor against the Spring, some *fifteen or sixteen* Negroes whom I could have easily dispatched now, but we have no coarse cloth to clothe them, and are fearful that they will not be able to endure the Winter there. As Negroes will be plenty here in future, I thought it best, according to orders, to postpone sending them

* A Spanish Coin of the Value of \$1.04.

until the Spring, when I shall be sending a young Negro Girl for Mr. *Augustinus Heermans* according to his request. Meanwhile, I hope to receive for my instruction, your Honor's advice and order as to whether you will require any more Negroes than the above, and of what age and in what numbers you wish them sent.

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1659. December 26, Director *Stuyvesant* writing to the Directors at *Holland* says :

“The Negroes purchased at *Curaçao* for *fl* 140 @ 150 and paid for, cannot be sold here (at *New Amsterdam*) again at that price, either in Beaver or Tobacco, so that all the expences of going and returning are entirely lost.”

*Vice Director BECK to the
Directors of the West India
Company.*

Curaçao, 4th Feb., 1660.

Noble, Honorable, Respected, Wife,
Prudent and most Discreet
Gentlemen.

Gentlemen,

MY last to your Honors, dated
5. January, as per copy en-
closed, was by the Ship *Gideon*,
Skipper *Simon Cornelissen* by way of
the *Caribbean Islands*.

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You will learn from my last let-
ters, and from the annexed papers
sent again herewith, the fate of the
Ship *St. John*, which was due here
from *Guinea* with Negroes, and

which according to your Honors' orders was to replace the Ship *Die-men* here. What causes us most grief here is, that your Honors have thereby lost such a fine lot of Negroes and such a fast sailing Bark which has been our right arm here.*

Although I have strained every nerve to overtake the Robbers of the Negroes and Bark, as stated in my last, yet have I not been as successful as I wished. I shall communicate the particulars to your Honors, God willing, by the Ship *St. George*, which is about to sail direct from hence this month. If no remedy can be found to prevent such Robberies, and villainous crimes as the carrying away of the Company's Slaves and Bark, and no prosecution and redress follow, they will not

* See Journal and Papers in first Part of this Volume.

only persist therein, but even strike terror into the Spanish merchants who come here to trade.

Inclosed herein goes a Minute of what I have provisionally judged necessary, with the advice of the Council, to be done against them. Copy thereof has been furnished to *Simon Cornelisse Gilde*, to be used by him, according to circumstances. And although my zeal be hearty and sincere to pursue such Robbers, and as much as possible, to repair and make good your Honors' losses, yet have I been scrupulous, as I did not wish to do too much or too little. Therefore do I respectfully solicit your Honors to supply me herein with such orders, ample advice and power, that I may set to work and execute them unscrupulously against similar and such like Robbers, when occasion offers,

so that others may take example therefrom. Had we had here a fast sailing Yacht of fourteen guns, manned in proportion, we might, without doubt, have overtaken and again recovered by force or with good right, the aforesaid Negroes and Bark, and it grieves us that we for want thereof could not carry out our good intentions.

We regret exceedingly that such Rovers should have been the cause of the ill success of the zeal we feel to attract the Spanish traders hither for your Honors' benefit, by previous notices and otherwise, for the augmentation of Commerce and the sale of the Negroes which are to come here more and more in your Honors' Ships and for your account. What is lawfully done by English Ships with regular orders and Commission against their Enemies, even

the Spanish Nation, and not against us, we must tolerate; but when most of the damage is inflicted without lawful order and Commifion, not only on the Spanish Nation, but even on ourselves, it ought not to be tolerated, and should, by all ways and means, be driven from the Sea.

I have witnessed with pleasure your Honors' diligence in providing us here from time to time with Negroes. That will be the only bait to allure hither the Spanish Nation, as well from the Main as from other parts, to carry on trade of any importance. But the more subtly and quietly the trade to and on this Island can be carried on, the better will it be for this place and yours.

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Inasfinuch as Mr. *Gysbert de Rosa*, who is with me, is authorized by the private persons interested in the Ship *Hope* to apply to the Governor of the *Havana*, by whom we understand the Rover has been arrested, and to that end have sent to me such papers, letters and proofs as may serve for the recovery of said Ship and cargo, nevertheless up to this time have we had no opportunity to effect the work according to our good inclination, except that Mr. *Gysbert de Roosa* has recently sent his Yacht, *The Young St. Paul*, with a cargo to *St. Jago de Cuba*, by which we wrote conjointly a letter to the Governor at *Havanna* to be sent to him overland from *Cuba*, to give said Governor some premonition, until a more favorable opportunity shall present itself to

carry out your Honors' intentions and those of the private friends who are interested.

I first received the contract entered into by your Honors with Mess^{rs} *Hector Pietersen* and *Guillaume Momma*, by the Ships *Gideon* and *Love*, after the Negroes that had come by the Ship *King Solomon* had all been sold, and although the Ship *Eyckenboom* has not yet arrived, two Spanish Vessels with a Yacht from *Cadiz* have cast anchor in this port on the 2d January. They are come pursuant to express orders to the Captain of the aforesaid Vessel *Pedro Sorilho* by name, for the purpose of taking away those Negroes, according to contract; and Skipper *Erwout Jansen* has exhibited those orders to me, and this gave me to understand, that in case they should leave here without Negroes, the whole

object of their Voyage would be thereby frustrated, and they should in consequence suffer excessive damages. I found myself, therefore, obliged to solicit as well the free-men as the Company's servants, to loan from their Plantations to the Company as many Negroes as they could possibly spare, under the promise that good stout Negroes should be returned in their stead, out of the first lot which would come for the Company. In this way, what with the *Cape Verde* Negroes, and those of the Company and of private individuals, I have collected together with great trouble *Sixty two* head. As there were among them some old and some young, *two* were deducted for them, as appears by the original Receipt transmitted herewith. They have accordingly paid me here for *Forty six* head, as

per contract, @ *One hundred and twenty* pieces of Eight, amounting to *Five thousand, five hundred and twenty* pieces of Eight, leaving *Fourteen* head of Negroes, for which the aforesaid Mess^{rs} *Hector Pietersen* and *Guillaume Momma* are to pay your Honors in *Holland*, as is more fully set forth in the receipt to which for brevity sake I refer.

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The aforesaid Captain, highly gratified and contented, sailed from here with his two Ships on the 15th January for *Porto Bello*, as he informed me.

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I received by the Ship *Gideon*, from *Cape Verde* only *Twenty eight* Slaves, old and young, as appears by the receipt delivered to the Skipper. In consequence of their condition and age, they are not

worth so much as the Negroes lately brought by the *King Solomon*. But I have since been informed that if a handsome lot of Negroes could, when opportunity offers, be imported from that place, those would proportionably advance in price.

What your Honors recommend to me in regard to Privateers, that they shall not be allowed to come here or hereabouts, I have fully communicated to our opposite Neighbors,* and to the Spanish Nation in other places. Few Privateers will come into our harbor, because they know that they are suspected here, unless they come into port in numbers under one pretence or another, to see if they cannot obtain some advantage over us for purposes of plunder, as the Rovers

* That is in *Venezuela* and the Spanish Main. ED.

have indeed threatened us. Though well on our guard here against them, yet must our defence depend on human hands in such circumstances. The reinforcement your Honors have now sent in the Ship *Love* is not sufficient to oppose a great force, because, on the other hand, as many of the old Soldiers, whose time is expired, are going away as nearly balance the reinforcement just arrived.

With so few men we cannot resist any evil disposed Spaniards, if they should have any bad design in their heads, and be as strong as the two Ships which lately arrived here in our Harbor with full *Two hundred and fifty* hands. The same holds good in regard to the French and English Privateers, who heretofore have visited our Harbor, and we place as little confidence in the

one as in the other. The Spaniards seeing that we are so weak, can get up one pretext or another, especially those who come from *Spain*, who look on this trade with a jealous eye. For, some Merchants who arrived in this port with the afore-said two Ships, have, as I am informed, alleged here to one and another, that the Trade which we carry on here with the Spanish Nation on the Coast or elsewhere, would not be permitted in *Spain*, and such a prohibition would be issued that no Spaniard belonging to any place would dare to come hither for the purpose of trade. On the other hand, I have understood from the Captain himself, that they are confident the Trade here will flourish more and more, and he hoped that his Ship, the *St. Catharine*, would return here

in four months with *Three* to *Four thousand* pieces of Eight to purchase Negroes and Merchandize. This was confirmed to me by the Dutch Skipper *Ewout Jansen*, in case they arrive safe at *Porto Bello*. The Spanish Frigates which have been previously here, and trade to *New Spain*, have also told me the same thing, and said that they came yearly from *New Spain* up to *Caraccas*, with considerable cash to trade there for Cocoa and Merchandize, and that they then would seek a pretext to touch, on their way from *Caraccas*, here to purchase Negroes and stock goods.

*Receipt of PEDRO DIEZ TROX-
XILLA for Slaves.*

I UNDERWRITTEN, hereby
acknowledge to have received
from the Hon^{ble} *Mathias Beck*,
Governor over the *Curaçao* Islands,
Sixty two Slaves, old and young, in
fulfillment and performance of the
Contract concluded on the 26th
June, A^o 1659, by Mess^{rs} *Hector*
Pieters and *Guilliamme Momma*,
with the Lords Directors at the
Chamber at *Amsterdam*; and as the
Negroes by the Ship *King Solomon*,
were disposed of, long before the
arrival of the undersigned, and the
Ship *Eyckenboom*, mentioned in the
aforesaid Contract, has not arrived
at this date, the said Governor
has furnished me, the undersigned,
with the abovementioned *Sixty two*

Slaves, and on account of the old and young which are among the aforesaid Negroes, has allowed a deduction of *two* Negroes, so that there remain *Sixty* head in the clear, for which I, the undersigned, have here according to Contract, paid to the Governor aforesaid for *Forty six* head, @ *One hundred and twenty* pieces of Eight, amounting to *Five thousand, five hundred and twenty* pieces of Eight. Whereas, *Fourteen* Negroes remain still to be paid for, according to Contract in *Holland* by Mess^{rs} *Hector Pieters* and *Guillame Momma* in *Amsterdam*, to Mess^{rs} the Directors aforesaid, on presentation of this my receipt, to which end three of the same tenor are executed and signed in the presence of two undersigned trustworthy witnesses, whereof the one being satisfied the others are to be

void. *Curaçao* in Fort *Amsterdam*,
the 11th *January*, A^o 1660. It
being understood that the above
Fourteen Negroes, to be paid for in
Amsterdam, shall not be charged
higher than according to Contract
@ *Two hundred and eighty* Guilders
each, amounting together to *Three*
thousand, nine hundred and twenty
Carolus Guilders. Dated as above.

PEDRO DIEZ TROXXILLA,
EWOUT JANSEN.

Witnesses,

NICOLAES HAECK,
L. V. RUYVEN.

Director STUYVESANT to *Vice*
Director BECK.

Amsterdam in New Netherland, }
17 February, 1660. }

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FOUR Negro Boys and *one* Negro Girl have, as you advised, been sent to, and received by me $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ the Ship *Sphera Mundi*; 3 on mine and 2 on Commissary *Van Brugge's* account, their price being left to our discretion. Upon this subject I must say, that the assignment sent to me by *Frans Bruyn* is unsigned. However, in order to avoid any difficulty, I left this time the choice to the Commissary who took the Negro Girl and one of the stoutest Boys. But greater difficulties have arisen in this wise:

One of the *Five* died on the passage hither; some were sick or have become so after arriving. To prevent any misunderstanding in future, the sold Negroes ought to be consigned to the purchaser by their names or marks.

As regards the price which was left to our discretion, in order to prevent any suspicion of self interestedness, I wish your Honor to inform me after the others have been sold, what price they brought.

I have observed by your despatch to the Hon^{ble} Directors, dated 3 *September*, forwarded by the Ship *Sphera Mundi* the 26 December last, that the Negroes were sold to Mr *Corn' van Ool* @ 140 pieces of Eight, viz., from 40 to 16 years; from 16 to 12 years, three for two; under 12 years, two for one.

We hope and trust that by com-

plying with such price and terms, we shall avoid all suspicion of self interest. I am willing to take my share of the expence and risk of their passage hither, because I desired the Negroes for my own service and the promotion of Agriculture, not in the expectation of any gain, and therefore sent for young ones, in which regard the worthy Inhabitants, Christians, and those of the Hon^{ble} Company, ought, I think, to be preferred before Spaniards and unbelieving Jews.

You will see by the enclosed extracts from my letter covering yours to the Hon^{ble} Directors, what I have proposed to them. It is therefore desirable and somewhat necessary that a fixed price should be set on Horses conveyed hither, or ordered from *Curaçao*, by private persons, as well as on Negroes as

far as practicable, according to their ability and age, because the one as well as the other are most urgently required here for purposes of Agriculture and its advancement, and finally would tend to the greater advantage, trade and prosperity of the Hon^{ble} Company and its subjects.

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In regard to the Negroes which the Hon^{ble} Directors ordered to be sent hither, they ought to be stout and strong fellows, fit for immediate employment on this Fortrefs and other works; also, if required, in war against the Wild Barbarians, either to pursue them when retreating, or else to carry some of the Soldiers' baggage; it being very apparent that we shall be constrained to wage a righteous and offensive War against them, for the

peaceable possession once of the Land, and the avenging of numerous suffered affronts and murders. An important service would be conferred on the Company, on us and the Country if there were among the sold Negroes, some of experience who had resided a certain time at *Curaçao*.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

Amsterdam, the 9th March, 1660.

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NOW as regards the trade in Slaves, or Negroes, which the Inhabitants there at *Curaçao* might pursue, that is permitted to them as to other Merchants, with the understanding, however, that it is

not to be at a lower price, for the reason that the Company here would thereby be seriously prejudiced. But as Agriculture there would be beneficially promoted by Negroes, and the advancement thereof is of great importance, and the prosperity of that State is, for the most part, dependent thereon, we have, therefore, concluded and even resolved to try an experiment with a parcel of Negroes which we shall have conveyed to your Honor by the first opportunity which a Ship or Ships may offer from *Curaçao*. These Negroes shall then be publicly sold to the highest bidder there, on the express Condition, nevertheless, that they shall not be removed thence, but be employed in cultivating the Land. To this end, an exact register shall be made and

kept, as your Honor will see by the accompanying form of the aforesaid Conditions.

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*Proposed Contract to import
Slaves into New Netherland.*

THIS day, the undersigned Director and Council of *New Netherland*, thereunto authorized by Resolution of the Chamber at *Amsterdam*, on the one part, and the Owners of the Ship
whereof is Skipper, burthen
about Tons, on the other
part, have agreed and contracted that a Permit and Commission in due form shall be granted to the aforesaid Skipper, to buy Slaves, and further to prosecute such advantage as said Owners shall deem

expedient on the Coast of *Africa*; in like manner to return here to the *Manhattans* with the said Slaves and their further cargo, provided nevertheless that they shall not be at liberty, in regard to the Coast of *Africa*, to resort on the granted Permit to the *Gold Coast*, and therefore not to go Westerly further than *Ardre* or at most to *Popo*, on pain of the loss of the Ship and Goods laden therein, to which end the Directors and Council shall be at liberty to place a Supercargo on board said Ship, (whom the Skipper shall be bound to entertain in the Cabin,) and if necessary to cause the People therein to be sworn; for which aforesaid Permit and Commission the aforesaid Owners promise, on the return of the said Ship and before her discharge, promptly to pay to the Director

and Council aforesaid, or their deputies, a duty of *Fifteen* Guilders for each Negro, without making any exception or objection thereto. Under bond of their persons and Goods, none excepted, with renunciation of benefit *ordinis divisionis et excussionis*, having entire knowledge thereof. Done *New Amsterdam* this

*Remonstrance on the preceding
proposed Contract.*

Honorable, Wise, Prudent Lords,
Petrus Stuyvesant, Governor General, and the Councillors of *New Netherland, Curaçao* and Dependencies thereof.

Honorable,

THE Undersigned Burghers and
Inhabitants of this City *New Amsterdam*, your Honors' liege Sub-

jects, most respectfully represent that they are inclined to a foreign Trade, and especially to the Coast of *Africa*, according to the Concession of the Hon^{ble} Directors granted in the year 1652, as a special privilege to the Inhabitants of this Place, in order to fetch thence Slaves and other Wares might be disposed of here and elsewhere, whereby this City and the entire Country would increase and prosper in Merchandize, Commerce, Population and more especially in the Tobacco Trade, to the advantage not only of these Inhabitants, but also of the Hon^{ble} West India Company which would behold, in time, a vast, populous, and rich commercial Province spring up in these parts therefrom.

But it has appeared to them that those who would execute with

Skipper or Merchant going to that Country a Draft of Partnership, which is beset and pinched by such precise Conditions, would risk their lives and Goods, and at best gain nothing, or run the risk of having Ship and Goods confiscated. For, besides the entire of the *Gold Coast* being excepted in that Concession, it appears that *Cape Verde*, *Siera Leona*, the *Greyn* (Pepper) and *Qua Qua* Coast are also excluded; for it is not permitted to resort further West, at farthest, than *Popo Sonde*. Moreover, the *Gold Coast* which from *Cape Apolonia* to *Cape des Rodes* or *Mount Berique* is reckoned 60 leagues, can be extended much further, as will be seen, to any place where Gold may be found. And as regards Slaves; for each head 15 Guilders must be paid, and then the payment for them in Tobacco or Beaver, is again taxed when

shipped to Fatherland, which imposes too heavy a burthen on this hazardous Trade.

The Hon^{ble} Company, in the meanwhile, must perceive that our Neighbors the French, English, Swedes, Danes and Courlanders, are by means of the Netherlanders who repair to them, trading along the entire Coast, even under their strongholds, without any profit being derived therefrom by the Company; Yea, they suffer rather very serious loss thereby, as is manifest from the example of *Arent de Groot* who in the Year 1638, built a Fort at *Cormantyn* for the English, and of *Hendrick Caerloff*, the former Fiscal, who built another at *Cape Corse* in the Year 1650, for the Swedes.

Your Honors' subjects passing by these strongholds, take another course and as faithful subjects, ad-

dress themselves to you, humbly praying permission to trade free and unobstructed in Ship or Ships, along the whole of the West Coast of *Africa*, that is, from *Cape Verd* to *Cape Lopes de Gonsalve*, in all Bays, Rivers and Coasts, without any exception, the Hon^{ble} Company's strongholds alone excepted, according to the Rules and Orders, on payment, either here or in *Holland*, of such moderate duty as shall be agreed on. This doing, &c.

(Signed)

CORNELIUS STEENWYCK,
 MARTEN KREGIER,
 THEMOTHEUS GABRIE,
 OLOFF STEVENSEN,
 GOVERT LOOCQUERMANS,
 JACOB STRYCKER.
 P. L. VANDE GRIFT,
 PIETER RUDOLPHUS,
 HENDRICK JANSSEN VANDER VIER,
 PETER COUWENHOVEN,
 JACOB STEENDAM,
 JOHANNES VERVEELEN.

The preceding Petition being read and considered, the following Apoftil was annexed thereto :

The Director General and Council consider themselves unqualified, without the previous knowledge and approbation of their Superiors, the Lords Directors of the Incorporated West India Company, Chamber at *Amsterdam*, to grant any further enlargement than the Act herein mentioned implies. The Petitioners, therefore, must make application on the subject to that Board. Done *Fort Amsterdam* in *New Netherland*, 3d May, 1660.

Bill of Lading of Negroes.

I UNDERWRITTEN *Jan Jan-*
I, *sen Eyckenboom*, Skipper under
God of my Ship called the *Eyck-*

enboom, lying at present in the Harbor of the Island of *Curaçao*, ready to sail for *New Netherland*, hereby acknowledge to have received in my Ship aforesaid from the Hon^{ble} Vice Director *Matthias Beck* for account of the Hon^{ble} Company, *Twenty* head of Sound Slaves or Male Negroes, whom I undertake and promise to deliver after the prosperous and safe arrival of my Ship in *New Netherland*, unto the Hon^{ble} Director General and Council there, first acknowledging to have executed triplicate Receipts therefor, one of which being satisfied, the others shall be void. *Curaçao* in *Fort Amsterdam*, the 8 *May*, A^o 1660.

JAN JANSE EYCKENBOOM.

*Director STUYVESANT to the
Directors at Amsterdam.*

*Amsterdam in New Netherland, }
25 June, 1660.*

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WE are this instant informed by a Fisherman, that the Galiot *New Amstel* is in sight with another flute with Horses and Negroes from *Curaçao*. We shall communicate to your Honors by the first opportunity, perhaps the Ship *Faith*, what intelligence we receive from there, and in the mean time will execute your orders as to the sale of the Negroes.

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The Flute already mentioned, which arrived here from *Curaçao* with the Galiot is named the *Eyck-*

enboom, and was dispatched 16 or 17 months ago in the service and pay of the Company to *Guinea*, and thence with Negroes to *Curaçao*.

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Nineteen Negroes arrived here in the same Vessel; the twentieth died on the Voyage. The remainder are in tolerable health.

Director STUYVESANT to *Vice*
Director BECK.

Amsterdam in New Netherland, }
5 July, 1660.

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IN respect to the *Three* Negro Boys received by the Ship *Sphera Mundi*, they will be accepted on the same terms as those so told *Van Olen*. You will please to enter them on our account there, and

offset them against what has been heretofore delivered out of our *coreal* to the store there.

Nineteen of the 20 head of Negroes which your Honor sent on the Company's account, have arrived in tolerable condition and health.

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It has pleased the Hon^{ble} Company, on our proposal transmitted by the Ship *Sphera Mundi*, in regard to the trade in Negroes and the equalization of duties between the two Conquests, to write, on the first, in order to make no alteration to the Company's prejudice in the Negro trade at *Curaçao*, that they had resolved for the promotion of Agriculture, to send thence hither a good number of Negroes, to be sold to the Inhabitants, on condition that they shall not be transported elsewhere, believing that, by this

method, the Hon^{ble} Company will suffer less loss and the People reap greater benefit. The effect hereof we shall leave to time.

Bill of Lading of Negroes.

I UNDERWRITTEN *Dirck*
I, *Jansen* from *Oldenburch*, Skipper under God of my Ship named the *New Netherland Indian*, at present lying in the Harbor of the Island of *Curaçao*, ready to sail to *New Netherland*, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Hon^{ble} Vice Director *Matthias Beck*, for account of the Hon^{ble} Company, Ten head of Sound Slaves or Male Negroes, whom I undertake and promise to deliver, after my safe arrival with my Ship in *New Netherland*, to the Hon^{ble} Director

General and Council there, first signing three Receipts of the same tenor, of which when one is satisfied the others are void. *Curaçao*, in Fort Amsterdam, the 31st *August*, A° 1660.

DIERCK JANS.

1661. July 21. A similar Bill of Lading for 40 Slaves, consisting of 15 Men, 14 Women, 6 Boys and 5 Girls, to be delivered in *New Netherland*.

Permit to export a crazy Negro to Virginia.

THE Petition of *Samuel Edsal*, setting forth that one of the Negroes purchased by him on the 8th of October last at public Auction from the Director General

and Council is unfit to perform any sort of work, as he is sometimes not in his right mind, and requesting permission to send him to *Virginia*, being read and considered, it is Apostilled—

The Petition is granted on condition that the Petitioner, when opportunity offers, shall import or cause to be imported into the Country another in stead thereof.
Done 20th *January*, 1661.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

Amsterdam, 11th April, 1661.

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Beloved, Faithful.

THE bearer hereof has safely handed us your Letter of the 9th ultimo, which came by way

of New and Old *England*. The Necessaries required therein, not already sent, shall be forwarded to you in the Vessels now lying ready to sail direct thither.

This goes by way of *Curaçao*. And as we have observed by the enclosures thereof, that the greater portion of the Slaves conveyed thither by the *Eyckenboom* and *New Netherland Indian*, have been sold at a fair price, we have written to Vice Director *Beck* at *Curaçao* herewith, and ordered him to provide you with a fresh supply by every opportunity. We have done this the rather, because we have resolved not only that Slaves shall be kept in *New Netherland*, as we have heretofore ordered, but be moreover exported to the English and other Neighbors. This, however, on condition that on such

occasion there shall be paid, on each exported Negro, a duty of *Two* Beavers, which is a small and light impost.

The reasons which have led us to the adoption of such Resolution, are, among others none of the smallest, the promotion both of Agriculture and Trade in those Parts, as herefrom a greater frequentation of the water communication between *New Netherland* and *Curaçao*, must necessarily follow, and tend accordingly to their prosperity. Thus the one will be supplied and provided with necessities by the other, which is a matter of great consideration in regard to foreign Possessions.

As your Honor observes, our zeal and care for the welfare of *New Netherland*, so must you endeavor to retain us therein and consequently

not fail to send us, from time to time, such returns as may accrue there from the sale of the Slaves, in which case we shall not neglect to have your Honor supplied with others by every opportunity.

Herewith,

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Beloved, Faithful, commending you to God's protection we remain,
The Directors of the West India Company, at the Chamber of
Amsterdam,

C. WITSEN,
EDWARD MAN.

Director STUYVESANT to *Vice*
Director BECK.

Honorable, Wise, Prudent, right
Discreet Sir.

YOUR welcome Letter of the
31st of August of last Year,
was handed to us in due course by
the Bearer, in which is first men-
tioned the unfortunate loss for the
Company on the Horses sent hither
in the Ship *Eyckenboom* and Galiot
New Amstel. You Honor will learn
from the annexed return of the
public sale, what they brought here
in consequence of their emaciated
appearance after having been re-
freshed during two or three months.

We have had better luck with
the few Slaves sent hither at the
same time. They were sold to the
highest bidder, chiefly at Beaver's

value, which differs little from Silver pay. I have retained some of the best for the Company. One with another they brought about *fl.* 440* a head, less the freight.

On this point, we must not neglect to recommend, in case Negroes are hereafter sent in one and the same Vessel, some on the Company's, and others on private account, as happened in the Ship *Indian*, that on such occasions, the Negroes sent for account of the Company, or Individuals, may be distinguished the one from the other by some particular marks or tokens, either by a stripe on the clothing or otherwise, in order to prevent disputes and differences here, which we might easily have had here with the Owners of the Ship *Indian* if any had fallen sick or died on the

* Equal to \$176.

passage, since they claimed to be entitled to the first choice, leaving the rest for the Company. This choice I also have allowed them, as there were no certain marks to guide us. * * * *

*Amsterdam in New Netherland, }
16th April, A^o 1661. }*

(By the *New Netherland Indian*.)

*Resolution of the Director and
Council of New Netherland.*

Friday, 2d September, 1661.

IN COUNCIL. Present—

The Honorable Director General

Petrus Stuyvesant,

Hon. *Nicasius de Sille,*

Johan de Decker.

WHEREAS, the Yacht *New Netherland Indian* arrived here yesterday from *Curaçao*, by which

I have received on the Company's Account 36 out of 40 head of Negroes and Negresses, both young and old, that had been shipped in that Vessel, it is resolved in order to prevent expence and loss by death or otherwise, to sell them publicly on Tuesday next to the highest bidder, and to announce the same immediately every where by Notices.

It being taken into consideration in regard to the above subject, what pay the above Negroes should be sold for, it is by a majority of Votes resolved, to sell them for Beaver or Provisions, such as Beef, Pork, Wheat or Pease, at Beaver price; for if they are to be sold for Beaver or Cash down, or Tobacco at Beaver price, neither Burgher nor Farmer can purchase any, since there is no Tobacco, much less Beaver in cir-

culation among the People. By this means, a few persons only, to whom the Company is indebted, would have an opportunity to monopolize them in diminution of the debt, and that at a small price, because, as already stated, such only will be for their interest, whereby then, the Company will be frustrated out of the Beaver or Tobacco down, and we, also, shall be obliged to purchase a quantity of Provisions for the Garrison against the coming Winter, and in payment thereof take up Goods from the Merchants at the highest price, and next year again lose thereby the greatest portion of the Beaver. Therefore, for these and many other reasons it has been thought best to sell the aforesaid Negroes for Beaver or Provisions at Beaver price.

Director STUYVESANT to the
Directors at Amsterdam.

Fort Amsterdam in New Nether- }
land, 31st October, 1661. }

Honorable, &c.

AS nothing of consequence has transpired since the departure of the *Faith* and *Gilded Eagle*, by which the condition of affairs had been explained at large, and nothing of any importance has since occurred, this Letter is principally intended to accompany Invoices, Muster Rolls of the Garrison, and a few necessary Documents.

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Nos. 6 and 7 are two Lists, one of a lot of old, and the other of a lot of young, male and female Negroes, sent hither by Vice Director

Beck in the Ship New Netherland Indian. Annexed thereto is a return of the conditions and prices at which they were sold here.

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Resolution of the Director and Council of New Netherland.

Monday, 7th November, 1661.

IN COUNCIL. Present—

Director General *Petrus Stuyvesant,*

Hon^{ble} *Nicasius de Sille,*
Johan de Decker.

RESOLVED, to sell four more of the 7 Negroes, held over last year, to the highest bidder at public auction on the following Conditions:

The Buyers shall be empowered to use the purchased Negroes as

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Bond Slaves, also to resell them to others either within or beyond this Province, provided that whomsoever will remove or transport them beyond this Province, shall pay for each Negro a duty of Two Beavers.

Payment shall be made down at latest within six weeks from date hereof in Wheat or Rye.

The Wheat at 3 Guilders, and the Rye at $2\frac{1}{2}$ Gl. the Skepel.

The Negroes shall be delivered to the Purchasers at the time of payment and not before.

The Purchasers shall be bound to give sufficient security.

*Contract for a Cargo of Slaves
for New Netherland.*

THIS day the Mess^{rs}
Abraham Wilmerdonx and
Jacob Pergens, both Directors of

the West India Company at the Chamber here, being specially authorized thereto by their Associates, on the one part, and *Hendrick Roeters*, old schepen, *Johan Tayspil* and *Anthony Casteleyn*, Commissaries and Directors of this City's Colonie in *New Netherland*, by their Associates thereunto specially delegated, on the other part, agree and contract, that the abovenamed Directors intending to purchase a parcel of Slaves at *Angola*, and to convey them to *New Netherland*, shall admit the aforesaid Commissioners and Directors to participate with them in the costs and risk of the Trade of the aforesaid Slaves, for one fourth, in all respects the same as the Company, and that accordingly the abovenamed Directors and Commissioners shall also pay their portion in the moneys which are advanced

to the Skipper of the *Gideon*, and the aforesaid Directors (of the West India Company) shall with all possible speed dispatch the Ship *Gideon*, chartered for that purpose by their Honors, according to the Charter Party, and let it pursue its Voyage accordingly; that the abovenamed Directors shall have the exclusive management of the aforesaid Trade and raise on bottomry the moneys required therefor, in the manner usual with the Company, and after the Voyage is completed, account for and settle with the abovenamed Directors and Commissaries for every thing; and that the aforesaid Commissioners shall give orders that their Officers, being notified of the arrival of the aforesaid Slaves at the *Manhattans*, shall repair thither to receive the aforesaid fourth of the said Negroes by blind lot, and give

receipt therefor; that, further, the
aforesaid Commissioners, as soon as
the receipt shall be produced here,
shall pay to the Company *Ten*
Carolus Guilders, over and above
their share as above in the Trade,
after delivery for each merchantable
Slave from 15 to 36 years, being
reckoned head for head as mer-
chantable, and above 36 and from
15 to 8 years downwards, three for
two, and from 8 years down, 2 for
one, sucklings following the mother.
All under express condition, that the
abovenamed Directors and Com-
missioners must retain the aforesaid
Slaves in their Colonie without
allowing them to be sold to any
other Nation outside the Colonie,
or suffering them to be either di-
rectly or indirectly removed or sold
elsewhere. All upon the penalty
of 300 Florins for each Slave who

shall be removed, or such higher penalty as is provided or may hereafter be provided in the Ordinances already enacted, or that shall hereafter be enacted therefor in *New Netherland*.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

Amsterdam, 20th January, 1664.

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IN our last which we enclose, you were informed that we contracted with *Symon Gilde*, Skipper of the Ship *Gideon*, to export a goodly number of Slaves from *Loango* on the Coast of *Africa*, and to convey them by way of *Curaçao* to *New Netherland*; also that this City is a partner therein for one fourth part, as may be more fully

seen by the Copies hereunto annexed.

As the Slaves are intended solely to promote Agriculture, which is the only means of making the State prosperous, so is it our express order, that the aforesaid Slaves shall be sold there only to our Inhabitants on the express condition, that they shall not be exported out of our district, but specially retained therein, to be employed in the cultivation of the soil, so that the great expense which we have incurred may not be fruitless, but that we may, in due course of time, reap the fruits which we promise ourselves therefrom. The aforesaid Ship with about 300 Slaves may, according to our calculation, arrive yonder in the month of June or July next.

As your Honor will be greatly relieved by this supply, you will

therefore use every effort that one third part at least of the proceeds shall be forwarded hither in Beaver, in order that we may be enabled to pay the freight, or the greatest part thereof at farthest, on the arrival of the aforesaid Ship here, which we are bound to do by contract. Otherwise, we shall lose all ambition to continue such transmission of Slaves. This we commend to your Honor's special consideration.

Director STUYVESANT to *Vice*
Director BECK.

Amsterdam in New Netherland, }
7 May, 1664. }

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MESS^{RS} the Directors, and the
Commissioners of the Colo-
nie on the *South River*, have entered

into a contract with *Simon Cornelissen Gilde*, Skipper of the *Gideon*, to transport hither a lot of Negroes for Agricultural purposes. These Negroes will, we hope, have arrived before this Letter reaches your Honor, or, at least, be embarked after its receipt. We shall therefore recommend that, being properly provided, they may be dispatched hither as speedily as possible. If it happen that *Simon Gilde* should arrive with the Negroes at the Island of *Curaçao* a month later than the Charter Party provides, say, the middle of August, the first instalment might reach here before or by the middle of September from *Curaçao*, and the remainder by the middle of October. In that event a fair price might be realized for them.

*Conditions and Terms on which
the Director General and
Council of New Netherland
propose to sell to the highest
bidder a lot of Negroes and
Negresses. 29 May, 1664.*

THE Buyers shall immediately take possession of their purchased Negroes, and may use them as Bond Slaves, and also sell them to others.

But whereas, the meaning of the Directors is, to promote and advance the Population and Agriculture of this Province more and more, the purchased Negroes or Negresses shall not be sold, carried away or transported beyond this Province. Whoso acts contrary hereunto, shall

forfeit for each Negro or Negress, *One hundred* Guilders, Beaver value.

Payment shall be made, one fourth part down, the remainder in *September* or *October* next, in good Beaver at *Eight* Guilders the Skin, or in Merchandize, Beaver price, or in Provisions such as the Hon^{ble} Company may require, to be delivered here at the *Manhattans* at the following prices :

Wheat at 55 Stivers,	} the Skepel.
Pease at 50 Stivers,	
Rye at 45 Stivers,	

Salted Beef at 4 Stivers,	} the Pound.
Pork at 5 Stivers,	

The Purchaser shall be bound to give sufficient security.

On the foregoing Conditions, the following were the Purchasers :

		<i>Florins.</i>
<i>Jacobus Backer,</i>	- 1 Negro, for	555
	1 Negrefs,	305
	1 Negro,	315
	—	1175
Dome <i>Johannes Theodorus Polhemius,</i>	on Colonists' Account, one Negro	
for - - - - -		440
<i>Nicolas Verleth,</i>	on Colonists' Account,	
	1 Negrefs, for fl.	290
	1 Negro,	395
	1 Negrefs and Child,	360
	1 Negrefs,	260
	—	1305
<i>Johannes Verveelen,</i>	- 1 Negro,	445
<i>Paulus Leendertsen Vande Grist,</i>		
	1 Negro,	425
<i>Capt. Thomas Willet,</i>	- 1 Negro,	502
<i>Timotheus Gabry,</i>	- 1 Negro,	485
<i>Mr John Laurence,</i>	- 1 Negro,	345
<i>Jerominus Ebbingh,</i>	- 1 Negro,	485
<i>Isaacq Foreest,</i>	- 1 Negro,	545
<i>Jacob Leyfeler,</i>	- 1 Negro,	615
<i>Nicolas De Meyer,</i>	- 1 Negro,	460
<i>Daniel Terneur,</i>	- 1 Negro,	465
<i>Isaac Bedlo,</i>	- 1 Negro,	430

<i>Jacques Coufseaa</i> , -	I Negroes,	335	
	I ditto,	305	
	I ditto,	300	
		—	940
<i>William Maerschallck</i> , I	Negro,	500	
	I ditto,	425	
		—	925
<i>Govert Loocquermans</i> , -	I Negro,	305	
<i>Egbert Myndertsen</i> , -	I Negro,	562	
<i>Adriaen Vincent</i> , -	I Negroes,	255	
<i>Carel van Brugge</i> , -	I Negroes,	300	
	I Negro,	600	
		—	900
Total Florins,			12009

*Director STUYVESANT to the
Directors at Amsterdam.*

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THIS day fortnight arrived here your Honors' Vessel, the *Sparrow*, with *Forty* head of Slaves, sent to us by Vice Director *Beck* to procure Provisions and all sorts of

Timber work, fix Ox Carts and a new Rosmill. * * *

The Negroes and Negresses have all arrived safely and in health, but were, on an average, pretty old, and as the Skipper alleges, rejected by the Spaniards. The product of the greater part appears by the accompanying account of the public Vendue. They would have brought more, had they not been so old. *Five* of the Negro Women, who were, in our opinion, unsaleable, have been kept back and remain unsold. In like manner, *Six* Negroes also, to help to cut the required Timber and to perform some other necessary work for the Honorable Company.

10 June, 1664.

Directors at Amsterdam to
Director STUYVESANT.

Amsterdam, 24 June, 1664.

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Be-
loved, Faithful.

WE have heretofore advised you of our intention to let the Ship *Gideon* go from *Curaçao* to the *Manhattans* with her Slaves. Having since then, and now for the first time, remarked the hostile and treacherous designs manifested by the English towards the Company's rightful Conquests on the Coast of *Africa*, where they have already mastered *Cape Verd* and taken 3 @ 4 of the Company's Ships or Yachts, we have come to a different determination. As your Honor also will

not be left unmolested by them, for we understand that they have likewise sent 3 Ships with Men thither to the assistance of their Nation, and as the aforesaid Ship with Slaves might hereby be brought into difficulty, we have thought proper to send her first to the *South River*, to learn there from the City's Director how matters stand at the *Manhattans*. On learning the arrival of this Ship there, your Honor must immediately commission some one to go thither, to be present at the allotment of the Negroes, and to repair to the *Manhattans* with the share, or 1/3th the part that is to fall to the Company; with this understanding, however, that if the abovenamed Ship had not brought thither above 200 head, there shall be left to the City at least 60 head, as we find ourselves under obliga-

tion to accommodate them with that number.

Herewith,
Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Be-
loved, Faithful,
Commending you to God's merciful
Protection, we Remain,
Your Good Friends,
The Directors of the Incorporated
West India Company, Chamber
at *Amsterdam*,

J. BONTEMANTEL,
DAVID VAN BAERLE.

*Vice Director BECK to the
Directors and Council of
New Netherland.*

*Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam, }
the 21. July, Año 1664. }*

Honorable, Valiant, Wise, Prudent
and right Discreet Gentlemen.

Gentlemen,

MY last to your Honors was
dated 28 April, by the Com-
pany's Ship *Muscb*, which I not
only hope has arrived in your parts
long before your receipt of this,
but ardently desire to see her return
here every day.

Since then a handsome Genoese
(*genues*) Ship, named the *Sta Cruz*,
arrived here from *Cartagena*, with
One hundred and sixty thousand pieces
of Eight in Specie, to be all invested

in Slaves through the Factors residing here on behalf of the Genoese Company, who, however up to this time have delayed doing any thing, by advice and order of their Principals, in the expectation that they will have concluded a new Contract with the Company, and that more Slaves may arrive here, so as to invest the entire Capital which they have brought for that purpose in their aforesaid Ship, in Slaves and to carry them away at once.

On the 8th instant, arrived here by way of *Guinea, Angola, and Cayenne*, the Ship *Gideon*, the bearer hereof, *Simon Cornelissen Gilde*, Skipper, with over *Three hundred* Slaves. I was in hopes by means of these and the supply of Slaves already here, to have enough to be able on the Advice and Order of the Company, to accommodate the aforesaid

Factors for their abovementioned Specie, as then was their intent ; for they said, in case no seasonable advice or order was received from their Principals and the Company, that they would then contract with me for as many Slaves as were here at present, and might happen to arrive, to be paid for on delivery, in order to dispatch their aforesaid Ship, which was lying here at great expense. So they were expecting that they could have availed themselves on this occasion, for their Vessel, of the Slaves brought hither by the aforesaid Ship *Gideon*, when the abovementioned Skipper *Simon Cornelissen Gilde* brought me such ample Order and Instructions to the contrary, that I could not dare to change them, as your Honors will please to observe by the annexed Copies. Pursuant to said Orders

I am sending to your Honors herewith, by the aforesaid Ship and Skipper the number of Slaves to be seen in the accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading to which, for brevity's sake, I refer.

And since now, in the first place, no more Slaves are to be expected here, the aforesaid Factors will have to content themselves with the Slaves which have been previously brought hither on the Company's account; and as many of the Slaves brought here by the said Ship *Gideon* are infected with Scurvy, I have therefore retained the greater number of these here and embarked others in their place from among those brought in previous Ships. When those are cured of the Scurvy, they can be delivered, in the place of the others, to the aforesaid Factors.

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Bill of Lading for Three Hundred Negroes sent to the Manhattans.

I UNDERWRITTEN *Simon*, *Cornelisse Gilde*, Skipper under God of my Ship, named the *Gideon*, now lying in the Harbor of *Curaçao*, ready to sail with the first fair wind (which God shall vouchsafe) for the *Manbatans* in *New Netherland* acknowledge to have received between the Decks of my aforesaid Ship, the number of *Three hundred* Slaves, consisting of *One hundred* and *sixty* Men and *One hundred* and *forty* Women, all merchantable; which Slaves I promise to deliver (if God grant me a prosperous Voyage), with my aforesaid Ship at the said *Manbatans* to the

Hon^{ble} Director General *Petrus Stuyvesant* or his Order, on payment of my freight for the aforesaid Slaves, as agreed upon and conditioned by the Charter Party, and for the performance of what precedes, I pledge myself and all my Property and my aforesaid Ship with all its Appurtenances. In witness of the truth I have signed three Invoices, all of the same tenor, the one being fulfilled, the others are void. Written at *Curaçao*, the 21st July, Año 1664. (Signed)

SYMON CORNELISSEN GILDE.

Director STUYVESANT to *Vice*
Director BECK.

Honorable, Prudent, Wise, and very
Discreet Sir.

OUR last Letter to you was by
the Ship *The White Horseman*,
Skipper *Hendrick Jansen Stuyvesant*,
dated the 7th May last. * * *

Since then, viz., on the 24th May,
arrived here in safety, God be praised,
the Company's Ship *Sparrow*, Skip-
per *Jan Petersen Groot* of *Dockum*,
by whom I received your Honor's
Letter of the 28th of April, to
which the following will serve as
an answer.

The Slaves and Merchandize ar-
rived safely according to Invoice
and Bill of Lading. * * *

I have sold the Negroes that have
been sent, at Public auction to the

highest bidder, for Provisions, with the exception of *Six* of the Men, who are employed in the Company's service on the Works of the Fort, and *Five* Negro Women who, on account of their advanced Age, could not find a Purchaser, except at a very low figure. The remainder have been sold at prices mentioned in the annexed Copy of the Conditions of the Sale; being, in our opinion, a tolerably fair price for such a lot. Had they been better, there is not a doubt but they would have produced a much larger amount, as may be inferred from the price of a few who were sold for 600 Guilders* and upwards.

These Negroes have afforded us great relief in the purchase of Provisions for the Garrison. Otherwise,

* \$240.

we should have been constrained by the low state of the Treasury, caused by the continued troubles, first with the Barbarians, and now at present with the neighboring English, to purchase Supplies by Bills of Exchange.

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In our former dispatch, duplicate whereof we here inclose, we stated among other things, if it should come to pass that *Simon Gilde* arrived at the Island of *Curaçao*, with Negroes three weeks or a month later than intimated in the Charter Party, say the middle of August, therefore the sending of the Negroes hither should not be postponed, &c. Having reconsidered this, we have, for divers reasons, whereof one is, that the Right Honorable the Regents of the city of *Amsterdam* are interested

therein one fourth part, thought it best and most justifiable, not to make the slightest alteration in the Charter Party which the Directors have concluded with *Simon Gilde*. Wherefore we request and recommend your Honor to regulate yourself by the said Charter Party in the forwarding of the abovementioned Negroes. But as we find ourselves burthened here by an unusually strong Garrison, for the support of which, exclusive of the monthly pay, we require considerable Provisions, for the purchase whereof we are not well provided; we, on that account, have need, yea great need of a few Slaves, in order to truck them for Provisions. Yet, for reasons already given, we deem it unjustifiable to send for the said Negroes, contrary to the Charter Party concluded with *Simon Gilde*.

Yet requiring a large quantity of Provisions both for this place and *Curaçao*, as we have already stated and more fully explained, should an opportunity offer to purchase any, funds would be absolutely necessary. Wherefore we recommend this seriously to your consideration; and if *Simon Gilde* arrive in season, to send us as many Negroes as circumstances will permit. If Negroes be scarce, which however we should prefer to have for the good and advancement of the country, according to the Hon^{ble} Company's Order, some other effects, either Money or Osnaburghs and other coarse Linen, or any thing else that is not needed for the public service, might be spared and bartered for Provisions. If Negroes, your Honor will please to bear in mind to have them sent off in time that they

may probably arrive here before, or about All Saints, and that they be suitably provided against the cold.

30 July, 1694.

*The Council of New Netherland
to the Directors at Amsterdam.*

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MEANWHILE, God be thanked, the Ship *St. Jacob* arrived here in safety on the 13th instant, from the *South River*, and, two days after, the Ship *Gideon*, which sailed from *Curaçao* on the 21st of July with 300 Slaves, 160 Men and 140 Women, whereof 9 died on the passage. This is a very poor lot; indeed so poor do we believe, that we fear the most of

them will remain on our hands, or must be let go at a very low figure, whereof more in our next.

Pursuant to the Contract which your Honors made with the Directors of the City's Colonie, we have delivered by lot the fourth part of the abovementioned Negro Men and Women, into the hands of Mr *Peter Alrichs*, Commissary of Indian Cargoes, and Councillor of the Colonie of *New Amstel*, who has been here for some time for the purpose of purchasing Oxen, Cows and Horses, to the number of 200 or thereabouts. * * *

The Colonie has received by lot for its fourth part, 38 Men and 34 Women. But as there were among these, as well as among those that fell to the Company, many above the age of 36 years, three of them must be counted for two. * * *

This serves merely to advise your Honors of the arrival of the above-mentioned Negroes who, though a very poor lot, as already stated, yet in our most deplorable state, will wonderfully relieve us, so that we and your Honors' Servants and Inhabitants, find ourselves greatly obliged, and gratefully acknowledge your care in the sending of the said Negroes. * * * *

*Fort Amsterdam in New Nether- }
land, 17 August, 1664. }*

(By Way of the *South River*, per the *Eagle*.)

Receipt for the above Negroes.

WE the undersigned Director General and Council of *New Netherland*, hereby certify and declare that the bearer hereof, *Symon Cornelissen Gilde*, Skipper, under God,

of the Ship *Gideon*, on the day after his arrival, being the 14th of August, hath delivered here on shore for account of Mess^{rs} the Directors of the Incorporated West India Company, Chamber at *Amsterdam*, Two hundred and ninety head of Negroes, to wit, One hundred and fifty three Men, and One hundred and thirty seven Women, among whom in all were found by impartial Men as selected according to the Charter Party, *Eighty nine* which were judged to be above *Thirty six* years old; of which delivery, the above-mentioned Skipper, *Symon Cornelissen Gilde*, demanding proper Receipt to serve him agreeably to his Charter Party, with the abovementioned Directors, we have executed for him two of the same tenor, one whereof being satisfied, the other is to be null. Done *Amsterdam* in

New Netherland, the 30 *August*,
1664.

Permit to transport Negroes.

THE Hon^{ble} Director General informed the Council that Capt. *Thomas Willet* would accept 3 or 4 Negroes in payment of the Beavers due him by the Company, if he might transport them from this place to such other that he may think proper. Which being taken into consideration, it was, on question being put, Resolved to let him have 3 or 4 Negroes; because from the low state of the Treasury, it is not well known how else to satisfy him for the Provisions delivered last year, amounting to about *Eight thousand* Guilders; and Secretary *Van Ruyven* is deputed to inform said *Willet* thereof, and to

agree with him about the price for the best advantage of the Company, and if possible to obtain from him as much as the General hath lately had from him for two of his own Negroes. Done 30th September, 1664.

Vice Director BECK to PETER
STUYVESANT.

Curaçao, in Fort Amsterdam the }
15 Novembr, Año 1664. }

Sir,

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I HAVE remarked, among other things, in your Honor's acceptable Letter, the serious mistake that has been committed here in the sale of your Slaves; especially of the little Children, since with great

forethought on the part of Madam *Stuyvesant*, your Honor's spouse, they were presented at the baptismal Font. If we had had the least knowledge of the Fact, the mistake would not have occurred. To my grief, a great error has been committed which I fear is irreparable; for so long an interval has elapsed, it will be very difficult to ascertain where they have been finally landed. But I shall have inquiries made by the first Ship that leaves here for *Carthagena* and *Porto Bello*, and if it be possible, endeavor to get them back, even if I should have to give two full grown Slaves and more for them.

Vice Director BECK to PETER
STUYVESANT.

Curaçao, 16 April, Año 1665.

Sir,

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A SHIP, named *Miss Catarina*, whereof *Jacob Dircksen Willree* is Skipper, arrived here on the 14th January last, from *Ardra*, on the Coast of *Guinea*, with *One hundred and fifty* Slaves. She was sent in the Service of the Company from *Amsterdam* to the *Castle del Mina* to Mr. *Valckenburgh* with some Supplies for that place, and succeeded very well, notwithstanding many English Ships were off that Coast.

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Since my last, I have sold here

to the Genoese (*genueesen*) all the Slaves which had come here on the Company's account in the last Ships and were remaining at this place @ *One hundred and twenty* pieces of Eight. And because of these English troubles, and principally because no Slaves were expected here from the Coast of *Guinea*, the aforesaid Genoese have taken their departure hence with their Ship and the abovementioned purchased Slaves, on the 23d January last for *Carthagen*a. We shall learn betimes whether this trade shall be renewed in *Holland* with the Company, or whether it will be pursued and continued at this place by other Spaniards.

I have, since that, been informed that the Principals of the abovementioned Genoese in *Spain* have contracted with the Royal Company

of *England* for the delivery of Slaves, such delivery to be made at the Island of *Jamaica*, and that a large Ship belonging to the said Genoeſe has already arrived at *Jamaica*, to carry away the Slaves, according to the Contract concluded with the Royal Company. But inasmuch as no Slaves had reached there for the Royal Company, they were allowed to purchase as many Slaves from the English Planters and Inhabitants as they were to receive. In regard to this Contract, all Commissions of Privateers and Ships against the Spaniards in these *West Indies* are revoked, and they are forbidden to inflict any damage on the Spanish Nation by land or water; and when a rich Spanish Prize was brought by the English Privateers into *Jamaica*, they were obliged to restore her, free of costs and charges.

I doubt if this English Royal Company will be able to fulfill their Contract with the Genoese, if it be of any magnitude, in consequence of the disturbances and troubles caused by themselves on the Coast of *Guinea* and the great obstruction they will encounter as long as these troubles continue, in their Slave Trade and in all their other Commerce, from the Privateers of *Holland* and *Zealand*, of which they have had, hitherto, no suspicion.

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We see now here for the second time a Comet with a long fiery tail; it has been visible here for more than two months past. It is also visible in *Europe*. What it portends is best known only to the Chief Giver of all Good, who will mercifully turn away from us all

well deserved plagues and punishments, and make every thing tend to the honor of his Most Holy Name for the Good of His People unto Salvation.

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Letters of Isaac Robin.

LETTERS

OF

Isaac Robin, Esq.,

PRIVATE SECRETARY OF

HON. GEORGE CLARKE,

Secretary of the Province of New York.

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LETTERS

OF

ISAAC BOBIN.

Anthony Barry to Isaac Bobin.

LONDON, *August ye 4th 1718.*

My Dear Bobin

I HAD the favour of both
Your's of the 20th of Novem-
ber and 31st of May, which
were not a little welcome to
me, the latter I got but Yester-
day. Though I was not at *Dublin*
when the first came, I delayed but
little time till I sent your friends

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there the substance of it, which I am perswaded they were glad to see. I am heartily concerned at the melancholy Story of your Voyage but since it's over, cannot but congratulate You on your Arrival and the kind reception You have mett with from Your Relation there, & hope you will e'er long reap the benefit of Your going.

Warner was mightily disappointed of having a Commission in *Wade's* Regiment, which is since *Hawley's*, for the present Colonel is a Man little beloved, and One of a very odd Temper, however by chance he got One in Brigadier *Borr's* Regim^t of Marines, to be a Second Lieutenant, which is only Ensign's Pay, they laid at *Gallway* when We left *Ireland*; I cannot but take notice to You, that for Some time before he got it, he was at a Loss

for Your Assistance to help him out with a Memorial now and then to My Lord Lieut: which out of a friendship to You (he being one as you respected) I did with a great deal of Pleasure, but when he got his Business done, and was commanded to Quarters, did not so much as thank me or take his leave of me, or any other of Your friends abt the Office.

I came to *London* in April last (and as Sudden as We came before) with Mr. *Budgell* he is very kind to me & I doubt not but will be my very good Patron^r I did (as you desired) present Your humble Respects to him, which he took very kindly & asked heartily after you. Monf^r *Duranc* is with us & gives his kind Service to You.

We had great Alteration in the Secretary's Office since You left this

Country, for when the Duke of *Bolton* was there, Mr. *Towers* was ill of a fever about thirteen weeks, and was Several times thought past recovery, during which time I officiated in the Office for him, and when he recovered he left it and came hither, at which time Mr. *Budgell* put me into the Office at £30 ꝓ Annum, where I continued about a Quarter, and then he coming to *London* brought me with him; Since Our being here Mr. *Webster* (Chief Sec^{ry} to the Duke of *Bolton*) have instead of Mr. *William Budgell's* acting as Sec^{ry} to the Lords Justices, appointed Mr. *Maddocks* (a friend of his) to act, and Sent Over a Young Gentleman from hence to be in my Place in the Office; Notwithstanding this, I doubt not, but Mr. *Budgell* will in a short time out top *Webster* and all other his Adversaries.

Betty Lovell should have been Married to One Mr. *Wallett* (whom you have often heard her Name) in January last, nay she reported herself that She was So, and went by the Name for some time, but whatever the matter was, the Match was spoil'd, She broke off with him, and was absent for about two months that neither her Mother nor Sisters knew where She was, and Just as We came to *London*, She came to Light again, and is lately married to One Mr. *Vanderbagen* a Landskip Drawer, with whom She lives very happily, he is a very sober man, a handsome man and a good husband, So I think after all she may be thankfull to her stars.

Mr. *Elliot* is out of Business, and where I can't tell, for I have not seen him these two Months, but if I do shall Shew him those Parts of Your Letters that mention him.

I wrote to Mr. *Heath* about the Hats You mention in Your former Letter for him to Send you, but never received a Line from him relating to them, waiting for which, was the occasion I did not answer it sooner, but since Yours of the 31st of May came before I answered the other, I hope you will excuse my answering them both in One, which I am afraid will tire Your Patience in perusing, but since it is but seldom, that an Opportunity Serve for Our hearing from One another, I am perswaded You will pass by that fault; And I do assure You, it is my hearty Desire, that We may keep up a Constant Correspondence, and that as often as possible.

Billy Dowell is married to a Young Woman that was a By Blow of My Lord *Southwell's*, One of the Commissioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*,

who when You were there was only Sir *Thomas Southwell*, I believe My Lord gave him £3 or 400 and I fancy will put him in some Employment in the Custom house.

I am at a great Loss here for want of Your Company, which would very much add to my Satisfaction, but when I consider the advantage Your absence from hence will be of to You I content Myself in some measure & recommend You to the care of the Omnipotent. I am

Dear Bobin

Your sincere friend

& humble Serv^t

ANTHONY BARRY.

P. S. Since my writing this Epistle, Mr. *Budgell* has desired me particularly to give his Service to You which is a Sign that You are in his fav^r.

I desire you would continue Your Directions to me under Mr. *Belcher's* Cover.

The *D:* of *Bolton* is still L^d Lieut & the talk about y^e *D:* of *Newcastle* is over.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

LONG ISLAND, Oct 4th 1718.

Hon^d Sir.

I HAVE paid Mr. *Barberie* The two Warrants for which I have taken the inclof'd receipt.

My presumption in going abroad too soon has been the Motive of my often thinking of what yo^r honour told me; I shall take care for the future not to be so bold.

My long absence from the Office makes me very uneasy, But hope in a few days to be able to attend

it, I'm brought low my distemper
having been very severe. My hand
is so weak that I cant be so prolix
as I could wish to exprefs the fence
of my duty as I ought to him who
I hope will do me the Justice to
believe that I am

Hon^d Sir

Your dutifull

and moſt

Obedient humble

Servant

I. BOBIN.

To *George Clark* Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Febry the 6th, 171⁸₉.

Hon^d Sir

V PON Receipt of yo^r Letter of
the 28th of Janry laſt I went
to Mr. *Wileman* and in regard to

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Yo^r Instructions press'd him for Yo^r Acco^{ts} who gives his Service to you and begs yo^r farther patience for they shall be ready in a few days I shall not let often calling for 'em be wanting, and so soon as they come to my hands send 'em you.

I sent yo^r Letter to Mr. *Alexander* at *Amboy* where he is with the Governour, and dont expect him home before the Latter End of this Month or beginning of next. In Obedience to Yo^r Commands is Inclosed yo^r Quarterly Warrants w^{ch} till now I had not an Oppertunity to send.

As to Yo^r Office you need not be afraid it shall suffer either prejudice or delay, it will not Appear that ever I have been negligent in doing my duty or that ever I made a slight of business relating thereto on the

Contrary have not nor shall be wanting in my Endeavours to keep business so that it run not behind hand, Nevertheless meet with small Encouragement, Mr. *Alexander* laying Claim to the little Perquisites. I make of the marriage Lycences, but don't doubt you'll set that matter right (when you come to Town) it being so unreasonable and as I'm informed what has never been practiced by his Predecessors and w^{ch} if he keeps cant propose to go the Circuits and to subsist on a Stipend of twenty pounds p^a Ann. The Person, that inform'd you I was at my Uncles those days you mention is under a mistake and hope you'll do me the Justice to believe it as such And that I am with great truth and Respect

Sr

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

February the 16th 171⁸/₉.

Hon^d Sir.

BEING Apprehensive of your fear of the Small Pox in your family, have presumed to send the enclosed Remedy of Dr *Samuell Wilday* which I hope will meet with your honour's kind acceptance (which if it does will answer my wish) having nothing more at heart than the welfare of your honour and family, being with great truth and Respect.

Sir

Your most humble
and most obed^t Servant

I. BOBIN.

I hear from *Amboy* that the Gov^r is recover'd from his late Indisposition.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

November the 17th 1719.

Hon^d Sir.

INCLOSED is the Act of Assembly (w^{ch} I take by the Purport of your Letter to be the Act you want) had your Letters come sooner to hand your Commands had been obey'd before this But flatter myself you'll do me the Justice not to believe any omission on my side, or that my diligence has been wanting to forward what you so Earnestly desired, I have sent by *Will* all the other matters you Requested, Excepting Oat meal w^{ch} was not to be got in Town As to Beer Cyder &c^a Mr. *Schuyler* tells me he hopes to send the Latter End of this week, as Mr. *Schuyler* has sent you a Letter

to day, *Will* dont doubt but he has
fatissfied you as to that therefore
believe I need say no more on that
Head.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Jany 2^d 1719.

Hon. Sir

I MAKE use of this opportunity
to Congratulate you your good
Spouse and Mad^m *Hyde* on the New
Year ardently wishing it may be
followed by many others in health
prosperity and pleasure — having
nothing more at Heart than the
welfare of your Honour and family.

The president tells me he has
received a Letter from Coll. *Rutsen*
wherein he mentioned the Receipt
of the Patent and that he shall be
here in the Spring and make all
matters easy on that score.

I fend herewith according to your Orders by Mr. *Nicolls* 1 p^s Brown Ozanbrigs q^t 55 Ells at 18^d D^o Broad Garlix N^o 33 £4 5 12 pound of Nails Six pound Double tens and Six pound of Single tens at 10^s 1^d 7^d pound 2 Oz of Parsely seed 1 Ounce of Cabbage Lettice seed As to Onion, Garden Beans and Savory seed I cant get but shall make farther Enquiry and fend by the first opportunity.

Mr. *Schuyler* will use his Utmost Endeavour in getting of Oats as mentioned in your Letter. He tells me has been several times with Mr. *Hooper* for that Money and as urgent as possible, but has not as yet received it but so soon as it comes to his hands shall pay it where you were pleased to order it.

I shall as you are pleased to Command me call often on Mr. *Wileman*

for your Accounts but as the Xmas
is not yet over

Cap^t *Goelet* arrived this day from
Amsterdam after a long Passage of
Sixteen Weekes but has as I can learn
brought no News worth your Judi-
cious Observation, therefore shall
conclude as I really am with all
due Respect.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Jan'y 21st 1719.

Sr

I RECEIVED yours of the 14th
Inst to day, as to what you hint
relating to the Patent I shall not
be remiss in observing Cap^t *Jarrate*
has made his Return of Survey and
to Day was brought by Mr. *Sharpas*
to the Office with a Petition in
Order to be laid before the Council,

but have not had any since the 24th of Dec^r last, The president having been Indispos'd but tells me he designs to call a Council to morrow, So soon as present I will take care to Execute your Commands.

it being late when yours came to hand and the bearer in haste had not time to get a Pen knife, therefore have sent you mine, w^{ch} I hope you will find fit for your purpose— As to the rest mentioned I shall use my utmost Endeavour in getting them as soon as possible.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S^r

I RECEIVED yours of ye 1st Instant by the hands of Mon^r Fauconnier, and in regard thereto have promised to let him have some

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moneys by the latter End of next Week, hoping by that time to raise such a sum as may answer yours and his Expectations upon w^{ch} hee seemed satisfied I shall not be wanting to use my utmost Endeavour and diligence in perfecting the same.

The Moneys now in my hand being small could not conceive it would be of any service to offer him any at this Juncture, was the motive of my Referring it till the time as before Expressed.

I have likewise received yours of the 3^d inst. and send herewith 4 doz of Coat Buttons at 4/ 7 doz & D^o of Waist Coat at 2/ being the smallest and best I could get, as also two Doe skins at 6/ each 12 pound of Chocolate at 20/ and two Pack of Cards 3/ it being late in the Day and the Weather bad when I received yours had not time to

get the feeds, but do design to fend 'em by the next Convenience wth the five Bushells of peas you wrote for, w^{ch} I doubt not but you'll find good. As to Garden Beans I have been several Places and can't meet wth any yet but shall make further Inquiry.

As to the Children's Cloaths, your Servant as should have been the bearer of y^r letter not coming near me, but sending it by *Will*, my Hands were tyed as to that affair, but having rec^d a note from Mrs. *Ludlow* signifying her want of money to be necessary, for that purpose, sent in Answer that I was sorry I could not Comply wth her request, but that if she would buy the things she wanted I would take care the money should be paid upon w^{ch} she seemed affronted, Nevertheless offered to buy them myself

provided she would let me know what she wanted, but I was not worthy an answer.

I send inclosed your Pen knife w^{ch} I got mended by the man near the Wind Mill.

Yor Patent met with no obstruction and is near compleated, it being now Ingrofeing and will so soon as past the seal observe your directions relating thereto.

I am

Yours &c.

I. B.

February ye 3^d 1719.

The Vessell for *London* is not yet failed, But 'tis thought will by the End of this week.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

June the 17th 1720.

Hon^d Sir.

I RECEIVED yours of the 15th by *Riche* this morning, I send by him, Wine, Rum, Canary and what else you were pleased to order. Sir, *Riche* being in haste and the Councill going to sett, has prevented my design in Sending you an Acc^t of the particulars I sent by him the last Trip.

I shall use my utmost Dilligence in getting what money I can, and shall observe what you tell me concerning your Warrants which are not as yet signed but will be to Day.

As to News there is very little, Cap^t *Smith* is fallen down to the

Watering Place in order to faile for *London* in the afternoone, I paid him two Guineas and took his Receipt w^{ch} I inclof'd in Mr. *Worsams* as you Directed and put it in the Bagg at Mr. *Sharps's* together with the rest of yo^r Letters. Cap^t *Pearce* upon some words arising between him and his Lieut. has suspended him and Confin'd him in his Cabin.

Coll. *Rutfen* has been in Town, and tho' I had not received your Letter before his Departure, I acquainted him of the ill Consequences that might attend his Delaying to have the Patent of *Hurly* Compleated, the President did the like upon which he promised to wait on me at the Office in order to settle that affair but has left the Town without coming near me I believe the occasion of it is the want of Money.

I have not received your Fees
for the Patent of *Cornelius Low*
altho' I am as pressing as possible.

Capt. *Ouvery* is dayly Expected
from *London*.

I hope agriculture and Horticulture thrive. I am &c

Yours

I. BOBIN.

George Clarke Esq^r

Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Dear Mr. *Bobin*

I HAVE sent y^e Taylor to you
and beg y^e favor that you will
send Mr. *Reynolds* for to Buy some
Cloath pray let it not be Coarse, I
shall be at your Office to morrow
and Excuse this from

Your most

humble Serv^t

EDW^d HYDE.

I have now received your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land for the proposed road. I am very sorry that I cannot give you a more favorable answer, but I am constrained to do so. I am, however, very anxious to see the project carried out, and I am sure that you will understand my position. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Smith

Very truly yours,
J. H. Smith

Enclosed find a copy of the

report of the

Board of Directors of the
Company, dated the 10th inst.
and a copy of the
minutes of the meeting of the
Board of Directors, held on the
10th inst. at which the
report was read and approved.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours obedient servant,

J. H. Smith

Friday 1 Clock.

pray send me word if Mr. *Clarke*
as sent down my Bill

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

June ye 24th 1720.

Sir

I HAVE received yours of the
20th by *Riche*, and send here-
with by him what you tell me
was wanting viz^t 34 & $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallons of
Molasses at 2s p^r Gallon, three
Gallons of Whale Oyle at 4s $\frac{1}{2}$
Gallon w^{ch} being scarce was all I
could get. 3. Bushells of Salt at
3s & 6d $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushell a piece of striped
Silk Muslin at 5d bought at Mr.
Franks.

As to Beef Mr. *Schuyler* promised
me he would take care to send
by this opportunity therefore dont
doubt but he'll give you an acc^t.

Mr. *Gathebouse* presents you his humble Duty, and desired me to acquaint you that he'll go about makeing more garden sticks and is very glad you like those he has sent, but is sorry that he forgot to Pitch the Bottoms to prevent there rotting but shall take care to do it to next stakes he makes I shall observe what you tell me Concerning fruit when Vessells Come in. Capt. *Ouvery* arrived here Yesterday after a Passage of Ten Weeks from the *Lizard Point*. The President receiv'd a letter from Brigdr *Hunter* dat. 26th of March last, in w^{ch} he informs him as he did in his former that he is perfectly recovered of his late Indisposition, and that he hopes to be here soon, but can't be punctual as to what time he shall take his Departure his private and Publick affairs taking up so

much of his time — this is the purport of his Letter as the President tells me.

Capt. *Ouvery* Reports that Mr. *Burnet* is appointed Gov^r of this Province but what grounds he has for the news can't tell.

I send inclosed two Letters w^{ch} Mr. *Sharpas* gave me this Morning to forward to You I gave yo^r Letters to him for *Boston*. Wednesday last a soldier belonging to Coll. *Weems* Compa. was drowned in the North River, by going to his Canoe w^{ch} was afloat by the Rising of the Tide, he was hardly got up to his Sholders before he Sunck, Some believe he was hurt by a Shark — others that it was the

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

N. Y., SECRY'S OFFICE,

July ye 22d, 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE receiv'd yours of the 16th by Mr. *Nicholls* I must Confess 'tis a Error my not sending you an Acc^t of the things I send by *Riche*, but for the future shall be punctuall in & observing your Directions therein & for yo^r satisfaction send now an acc^t of things I sent by him last Trip & there prices as follows (viz^t) a Doz pd. of Chocolate 1^{lb} 2^s 12 pound of soap 7^s 8^d 1 Sive 2^s a Roap of Onions one Sh. 12p^d starch & Bagg. 10^s 6^d 4 Bottles of Lime Juice 11^s 2 Barrills Lamb Black 1^s The Rum you mention I shall send by *Riche* with 200 of Limes I have not had 'em from

Mr. *Harrison* but got them from a friend, and as often as I get any will send.

I spoke to Mr. *Schuyler* concerning your Fire stones being Broke, who tells me he is certain that when they were deliver'd to *Riche* they were all whole but was apprehensive that some accident would happen to them in y^e unloading, he believing the Tackleing of his Boat was not strong enough or fit for that purpose and gave him a Caution to take care.

I received your Letter of the — by Mrs. *Grace Sewell*, I send by her a p^r of silk stockings at 19s 6 yards of Calicoe 1s 6d a p^r of Cizors 1s Whale Bone 3 & to

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

July the 26th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED your Letter of Yesterday p^r Mr. *Holland*, with not a Little trouble and Concern to perceive you should think yourself imposed on by me in the charge or price of things bought for you, I should be very sorry you should suffer any prejudice or injury on that score or any other, if so 'tis not knowingly to me and is reverse to my inclination, I have been obliged some time, when my time would not permit me to take a Circuit through the Town to buy things, and yo^r occasions for 'em urgent, To Confide in *Reynolds &*

hope he has done me justice, as to what is mention'd in relation to Chocolate it is not to be bought und^r 22*s* tho' I know as you remark I have had it at Dugdales at 20*s* but he has not any left and if he had could not afford it und^r Cocoa being advanced in it's price—as to Soap and Starch if I am impos'd on they were bought at one Pelletrous near Mr. *Jordains*, When you come to Town if you require it the man shall be brought before you to Clear that point. And as to the other things I shall do the like.

The Rum sent by *Riche* is 12 Gallons and is by those who pretend to understand it esteem'd to be very good, the price is 4*s* 7^d Gallon if it be not likt it it will be taken again—I bought it upon y^t Condition.

According to yo^r ord^r I have paid Mrs. *Stollard* 5 pound and taken her receipt for the same. I have been with *Joseph Latham* concerning the Note of Mr. *Nicholls* in your favour, who tells me the money is not due before the first of May next Nevertheless if he had money in his Hands woud advance it which he will be ready to do as soon as he has sold a ship belonging to him, and says you may be assured it shall be the first paid, but seems to insist upon the reward promised. S^r I cannot conclude without begging leave to take notice of a Hint in your Letter That among Trading men I should be ill thought of. I I can't tell how I might be Deemed in the Eye of my Country But very well know my Conscience void and free from any Male-practices whatsoever so that I can (if occasion be)

the better vindicate my Innocence
on that Head. I return you thanks
for your kind Cautions, w^{ch} I shall
observe and shall ever make it my
study to merit your good Opinion,
and hope you'll do me the Justice
to believe me to be as I really am
with the greatest regard

Hon^d Sir

Yours &c

I. BOBIN.

I sent by *Riche* Mr. *Hydes* Wigg
the price is 4*l* 10*s* he'll take it
again if not approved of at that
price.

To *George Clarke* Esq^r

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

July the 30th 1720.

S^r

I HAVE received this day your letter of Yesterday, by *Will*.

As soon as it came to hand I went to Mr. *Hoopers* he was not at home I spoke to his spouse upon y^e subject matter of y^r letter relating to a Negro, she tells me they have not any negro's to dispose off, but expect some from the West Indies every Day.

Mr. *Schuyler* is not in Town so can say no more at present on that Head but shall make Inquiry as you direct and let you know When I find one I think may suit you w^{ch} I shall do without delay—As to what things Capt. *Smith* delivered me belonging (as he told me) to

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Mr. *Hyde* were as follows (to wit)
 an Old p^r of Britches Weast Coat
 and Rugg The Rugg I made use
 of to Rap the Burois(?) and other
 things I sent to the *Plains*, some
 time ago & *Cæsar*; the other I
 have put in a obscure place in the
 Office.

I shall be punctuall in taking
 notice of your Commands concern-
 ing Mr. *Burnets* arrival here and
 will not be wanting to forward an
 Expreß so soon as I hear of his
 approach.

I will Endeavour to manage the
 best I can with *Jos. Latham*.

Cap^t *Moulton* 'tis thought will
 faile for *London* the Latter end of
 next week.

I send herewith a p^r of gray
 Stockings at 10*s* which I hope will
 fit, if not may be returned, and
 shall for the future buy nothing but

upon that Condition, so y^t if you should think I am imposed on in the prices know what to do, but will Endeavour to prevent if possible that trouble.

There's no news in Town but Our Dayly Expectation of Mr. *Burnet*, and have nothing more to add but my hearty wishes for the health and prosperity of your Family Being with all Due Respect

Sir &c.

I. BOBIN.

Geo Clarke Esq^r.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. YORK, Aug^t 2^d 1720.

Hon^d Sir.

I RECEIVED to day your Letter of Yesterday by the Hands of *Brazier*, I have been wth Cap^t Van-

brugh who arrived here on Sunday last from *Barbadoes*, he has brought wth him four Negroes, two Men & two Women, but has only a man he can recommend as a real good slave, and believes will suit you, he understands Cookery, and knows how to wait at Table, and in all manner of Household Affairs is no stranger, he is a Lusty Negro aged about 30 years, has lived with a Gent. in *Barbados* who falling under unhappy Circumstances was obliged to sell him, but not for any misdemeanour he ever Committed, The lowest price he tells me is 55 pounds ready money—otherwise will not dispose of him—as to sending the Negro up in the Country upon Tryall he seem not willing, but is ready to leave him at any Gent's House in Town as you think your friend upon liking for 7 or 8 days,

and desires your answer as soon as possible.

Simon the Jew dont expect his ship from *Guinea* before late in the fall

The Paper I mentioned to you was by mistake left behind but shall send it with the Chequered Linen by *Riche*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Augt the 6th, 1720.

S^r

I SEND by *Riche* a Barrell of Porke at three pounds two and six pence it being scarce could not get it under, the Man I bought it off was Mr. *Painter'd* who warrants it to be good Mr. *Jonneau* had not any he could recomend 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ yard Checquer'd Linen at 3/ £1. 14. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

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12 Gallons of Molasses at 2*s*; a Bushel of Peas at 6*s*. I have paid *Dirk Mott* 3 pound fifteen shillings, and by whom I have sent 2 doz. and a half of Limes and 1 q^r of fine Paper & 2 of Course.

I hope you received my Letter concerning the Negro.

S^r I beg you'll excuse my Brevity the Council just a going to sett and *Riche* in haste, The President will go for *Albany* Tuesday next, Capt. *Moulton* will Saile for London the Latter End of next Week.

I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

George Clarke Esq.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

August the 11th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED Yesterday by *Riche* your Letter of the 8th instant, by which I find the Negro of Capt *Vanbrugh* will not suit for am told as to matters belonging to the field he is a stranger having been intirely brought up to affairs of the house so have let that Drop, Mr. *Schuyler* who is come to Town informing me that Vessells are dayly expected from the West Indies with Negros, and shall not be slack in useing his utmost Endeavours to get one he thinks may suit your purpose, therefore begs your patience till then.

The President designs to go for *Albany* to morrow morning. His

Majesties Ship *Kinsale* is fallen down to the Wattering Place in order to Saile for Great Britain. Cap^t *Moulton* will saile very Speedyly for *London*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

August 22^d 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letters of the 13th and 18th jnstant, I send now by *Riche* a Canister of Bohea Tea at £1 14^s Candles the like Quantity as before, Cloves $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Pound at 7^s a Sive or Ridle for lime at 2^s 3^d & a piece of Diaper 12 Yards £1 14^s. I could not find any in Town of a greater Quantity to the p^s except at Mr. *Barberies* where I found Lawn of 60 Yards

to the p^s but Believed that would not suit if this I have sent thou'd not be likt it will be taken again, I could not find any Garlick in Town, As to a Negro Mr. *Schuyler* and I Wee have used Our utmost Endeavour to get one, Cap^t *Hopkins* has one to dispose off but Mr. *Schuyler* thought him off too high a price being 50 pounds the lowest and would not let go from his house on Tryall So must have patience till Vessells come in I could not perswade *V. Brugh* to send his Negro to the *Plains* I have delivered Your Letters to Mr. *Fauconnier* and Mr. *Sharpas* and p^d *Blake* five pound as ordered &

I am yours

I. BOBIN.

To *George Clarke*.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

Augt 29th 1720.

Hon^d Sir.

I HAVE received your Letter of the 26th instant by the Hands of Mr. *Nicholls* and am glad to hear the Diaper I sent was well liked but on the other Hand sorry it was not the sort Mad^m *Clarke* intended. *James Martin* has been with me with the Note you mention, I have promised to pay it when due upon which one *Ashton* in Town has given him credit for Leather, he was at Mr. *Schuylers* but did not find any Leather there to suit his purpose.

As to the Note drawn in favour of *Jordain* Capt. *Walton* upon *Jordains* Endorsing it has accepted it from him as Cash and is very well

satisfyed with payment thereof in Eight or tenn Days.

I shall observe what you tell me concerning the Sallary Warrants and will Endeavour if possible to finish with the Lawyers, but have no hopes of Compleating matters with those Gent^s I have writt to Coll *Rutson* informing him of the ill Consequence of leaving the Patent of *Hurley* un Recorded &c^a but have not heard from him since I will take care of Returning the Lottery Ticketts, and the delivery of yo^r Letter to Coll *Heathcote* as likewise to send by *Rich* the things by you ordered

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, *August 31st 1720.*

S^r

I SEND by *Riche* 3 Bushells of Salt at 3*s* and 6*d* $\frac{7}{8}$, 6 yards of Ozinbriggs 8*s*, 4 Ropes of Onions 4*s* $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Nutmegs 6*s* Garlick which I got of a French Man from *New Rochell* there is little above a pound. I hope Mr. *Nicholls* has acquainted you that I have paid him 10*s* above what was ordered in your Last, I was backward in doing it but as he prest me to stretch a point dont doubt but he will do me the Justice to tell you of the same.

I shall send you in my next an Account of what money I have paid him, there is no News in Town since my Last, I am with Respect
&c.

Is BOBIN.

To Mr Secry *Clarke.*

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

SINCE my last to you of Yesterday I have received Yours of 2^d *ᵕ* *Riche*, that w^{ch} came Inclosed I after Reading & Sealing Delivered as Directed. Mr. *Jansen* has given me the Patent of *Hurly* in order to be Recorded, and tells me that by the first opportunity he'll write to Coll *Rutsen* to hasten him to Town so that matters relating to y^r affair may be compleated and every thing made Easy on that score I will take Care to observe the Caution you give me touching the said Patent, as I shall always do the like in every thing else that may be hinted, I send now by *Riche* 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of New Tarr'd Rope inch & $\frac{1}{2}$ at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d* being ten Fathom bought at Mr. *Dugdales*,

As to *Albany* stale Beer I cant get any in 'Town, so was obliged to go to *Rutgers* where I found none Older than Eight Days I was backward in sending such but *Riche* telling me you wanted Beer for your workmen and did not know what to do without have run the hazard to send two Barr^{ls} at £1 16*s*. the Barr^{ls} at 3*s*. 6*p*^s. *Rutgers* says it is extraordinary good Beer and y^t racking it off into other Barr^{ls} wou'd flatten it and make it Drink Dead, I shall not inlarge any more on this Head by reason *Riche* will inform you further what was say'd and am with all due Regard.

Sr

&c

ISAAC BOBIN.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

Sept. 7th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

COLL *Heathcote* desired me to forward the inclosed and gave me a note of thirteen pounds drawn on Mr. *Van Dam* in your favour which he paid upon Sight You have herewith likewise an acc^t of the Ship *Swanfwick*, and as Wee have no News in Town but what the American *Weekly Mercury* from *Philadelphia* tells us, I flatter myself my sending one by this Opportunity will meet with your kind acceptance w^{ch} that it may will be the ardent wish of him who's with Respect &c.

Is^c BOBIN.

I have not succeeded with the Lawyers.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Novr the 15th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I SEND now by *Riche* the several particulars mention'd in your Letter of the 5th and 10th jnft. except Brafs Buttons w^{ch} are not to be found in Town; inclosed is an account of the Cost of Mr. *Hyde's* Clothes Trimming &c^a The Assembly its thought will break up Friday or Saturday next, I begg S^r you'll excuse my Brevity my time not permitting to mention y^e particulars of what I send. I will be Watchfull and Carefull in all things being with all due regard.

Hon^d S^r

&c.

Edward Hyde to Isaac Robin.

Novr 23^d 1720.

Sir

BY y^e bearer hereof—I beg you will pay Six Shillings. I shall be down this week or next week foredest Captⁿ *Pevise* as sent for me to Repair on board, I shall pay you when I am down and shall take it allwayes as an obligation done to your freind and

humble Servant

EDW^D HYDE.

Elinoar Arnell y^e Bearer.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

December ye 17th 1720.

Hon^d Sir.

I SEND now by *Riche* a Loaf of Suguar Seven pound and a q^r @ 2s 8^d pound, bought at Mr. *Loyds*, I have been at the Shoemakers for Mad^m *Clarke's* Shoes who tells me they'll not be finished before Tuesday next, I have been likewise with *Sonmine* for Mad^m *Hyde* and Miss *Molly's* Thimbls, they are not yet compleated but am promised them on Monday next without fail. I flatter myself Mad^m *Hyde* will not think my often calling for her Thimble and Miss *Molly's* has been wanting. I have not as yet the forty pound in hand but expect to raise that sum by Wednesday or

Thursday next. Mr. *Byerly* cannot help me having been disappointed of money promised him on account of the Quit Rents—Nevertheless don't doubt to succeed otherways.

I hear Mr. *Hyde* has not been on shoar since you left the Town being confin'd on Board.

I hope the Roots &c may prove to content, and that agriculture and Horticulture may thrive mainly at the *Plains*, where I wish you, Mad^m *Clarke*, Mad^m *Hyde* and Little Family health prosperity and pleasure being very sincerely

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Jan'y 4th 172^o₁.

Hon^d Sir,

YOURS of the 30th of Dec^r last came to hand the 31st of the same Instant the Letter you sent inclosed I delivered to his Excellency who has not as yet given me any directions concerning the Commissions of appraziers &c^a the many and frequent visits made him since the Holydays has not permitted him to consider of the same. I will as soon as I have his orders dispatch those for yo^r County; inclosed is a Copy of *John Bridges* Comm. to be Surrogate I have been with Coll *Depeyster* in order to know when his accounts will be ready to be audited, who tells me he has not as

yet made any progress to that End, but designs to make a Beginning in a few Days, The time when they'll be Completed cannot say. The Coll. seems under great concern.

I have received twenty four pounds thirteen Shillings of Mr. *Byerly*, w^{ch} Some I now send you by Mr. *Nicholls*.

As to marble Tiles or there is none in Town Mr. *Cuyler* had some but

Isaac Bobin to Michael Kearney.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

January the 3^d 172^o.

S^r

HIS Excellency commanded me to send you the Enclosed Proclamations and to signifye that the same Be Published in the usuall manner without Delay, and further

that you forthwith fend Circular Letters to the Sev^l members of the Assembly acquainting them that his Excellency will be punctual in meeting them pursuant to the time mentioned in the said Proclamations. I have nothing more to add but that I wish you a happy New Year and am with Respect

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Is: BOBIN.

Michael Kearney Esq.

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Janry 5th 172^o 1.

Hon^d Sir

YESTERDAY in Collecting some Papers here for the file, the Ordinance for siting of the

Supream Courts of Judicature &c^a
 which Reviv'd that in the Brigadier's time to the first of December last, came to Hand whereupon I had the suggestion for its Revival; I therefore take leave humbly to give yo^r Honour the intimation that you'll please to consider if it be of importance, that Course be taken for the continuance w^{ch} your Honour can only well conceive what is apposite to that purpose, with this and wishing your Honour a prosperous New Year I add that I am with all possible Regards.

Sir

Your Honours

Most humble and

Most Obed^t Servant

I. B.

Lewis Morris Esq^r Morifania.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

January ye 18th 172^o₁.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED yours of the 13th Current Saturday noon last and that Day sent over, as you directed, particulars as in the enclosed. Since I have met wth a p^s of sheeting *Holland* w^{ch} I hope will prove to liking it contains—Ells at——and now gos under the Care of Mr. *Nicholls* as well to be supposd y^e other mentioned things

What of Novelty occurred is that the Royal Prince Gally, Cap^t *Payton*, from *Amsterdam* & *Cowes* in nine Weeks Passage from the latter is arrived by whom is Advice that S. Sea Stock has bin ruinous to many in *England* and *Holland*, it being

200 at that Vessels departure and would as beleev'd then really fall under the Par: To particularize on one of the Distressed is that Sr *Jos. Beck*, an Eminent Mercht, was quite bankrupt thereby. I have heard of a poetical simile upon the Fall of this Stock In w^{ch} those w^{ch} succeeded therein are compared to *Moses* passing the *Red Sea*, and those unsuccessful nick't in the Rear to *Pharaoh's* Immersion which followed. That Yatchs & Men of War were getting ready to attend His Majesties Return And that there was a probability of Peace to be concluded with *Spain*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Janry ye 26th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

HIS Excellency desired me to acquaint you That he has had the affair of Appraiziers &c for some time under his Consideration Yet cannot give Directions, or come to any Resolution relating thereto untill he sees you to discourse upon the subject matter of the Same.

In answer to yo^r Letters of the 21st and 25th Instant, I have been with Mr. *Wileman* who tells me that Mr. *Schuyler* has Executed the Deeds for your Land. Mr. *Gatehouse* tells me he will get ready by Easter the Pine apples for the Top of yo^r House as likewise the Garden Sticks, he knows not of any person

for the purpose you mention. I have spoke to Monfr *Fauconnier* concerning a French young man who will make it his business to find one he thinks may be more to your satisfaction, and let me know thereof. I shall observe what you write me concerning Bricks.

I have p^d *Blake* 40*£* according to order and promised Payment of the £10 by the time Limited in yo^r Note Drawn in his favour, which I hope to perform tho' business in the Office is not so brisk as I could wish.

I am glad Mad^m *Clarke* upon opening the Linen likt it, It cost no more than 4*£* 7½ an English Ell, and bought it upon Condition if not approv'd of to be taken back.

I send by *Blake* Parsely seed and Sellery seed.

The Gov^r proposes to meet the

Assembly of y^e Jerseys at *Burlington*
the Twentyfirst of February next,
I dont hear what time he designs
to go from hence—but as soon as
I do shall let you know.

I am &c^a

Is BOBIN.

To *George Clarke* Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

February y^e 4th 172^o.

Hon Sir

ACCORDING to direction in
A yo^r Letter of Yesterday, I been
at Mr. *Wileman's* for the Deeds
Mr. *Schuyler* has Executed, but did
not see him by reason of his being
much indisposed with the Gout. I
shall call there again and as soon as
they come to hand get Mr. *Schuyler*

to acknowledge them and then Record them. I have been likewise with Coll *Depeyster* who tells he has made a step towards Compleating his Acc^{ts} but can't say when they'll be ready to be auditted.

I send now by Mr. *Maynard* a Pound of Bohea Tea and 3 Onz. of Sinage Red, as to a leading [line] *Dugdale* has promised to make one ready to send by next opportunity that offers, and at the same time will send Red beet feed. I don't hear as yet when the Gov^r Designs to set out for his Journey to *Burlington*. My not finding *Moss* in his shop therefore can say nothing as to the Ax.

I am &c.

I BOBIN.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Sir

I MUST beg y^e favor you will
send young Mr. *Pamerton* for my
Old hatt w^{ch} the Bearer hereof will
Bring; I ask pardon for putting you
to this Trouble but am Certain Mr.
Bobin will forgive his

Most humble Serv^t

EDW^D HYDE.

Phœnix Tuesday 9 aClock.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECR^y'S OFFICE,

February y^e 10th 172^o.

Hon^d Sr

HIS Exc^y acquainted me this
Day that he designs to set
out from hence for *Burlington* the
middle of next week, and thought

proper I should acquaint you of the
same

I have paid Ten pounds to *Blake's*
order according to promise, as like-
wise four pounds to *Bernardus Smith*
for the use of *James Martin*, I
have nothing more to add but that
I am

S^r

Your most &c.

To *Geo. Clarke* Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

March the 1st 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED yesterday your Let-
ter of the 25th of February last.
I have been with Mr. *Phillipse* for
a Copy of Brigad^r *Hunter's* Instruc-
tions relating to Patent Officers who

has promised me a copy of the same to morrow, w^{ch} I will be Carefull in forwarding by the first Opportunity that offers with the other Copys you mention. Capt *Hopkins* Lottery was Drawn at the City Hall on Friday last therefore can say nothing as to the Ticketts.

This Morning about the Hour of One Coll *Heathcote* dyed suddenly (as is sayd) of an apoplectick fit. As theres no News worthy notice in Town I have nothing more to add but that I am &c^a

I BOBIN.

To *George Clarke* Esq^r

Isaac Bobin to Govr Burnet.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

March ye 6th 172^o.

May it please yo^r Excellency

THE inclosed on Thursday last
was Delivered me by a Boat
Man from *Esoapas* for forwarding
to your Excellency. Late last Tues-
day Night occur'd the Death of
Coll. *Heathcote* which was a sudden
surprize to the Generality here, I
use Brevity herein thinking your
Excellency by this Post will receive
it enlarged by Mr. *Harison*. I have
imployed the opportunity which
your Ex^{cy}'s absense has afforded in fol-
lowing yo^r Ex^{cy}'s directions relating
to the Office, humbly conceiving Sir
that at your Return heither you
will find it in such Regularity as to
receive yo^r Excellency's approba-

tion, for I am studious of making
myself worthy thereof, being with
the greatest regard,

S^r

Your Excellencys
Most humble and
Most Obed^t Servant
Is BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

March ye 6th 172^o₁.

Hon^d Sir

THIS morning yours of yester-
day came to hand, I have been
carfull in observing your directions
relating to the several Letters you
sent inclosed, Mr. *Sharpas* has un-
dertaken the forwarding them to
his friend at *Boston* and at the same
time will mention to him the taking

the Masters Receipt, or at least to send word by what vessell they goe; he does not doubt of his Correspondent's care therein and of sending them from thence to *England* in the first Vessell.

S^r I have imployed the opportunity his Excellency's absence has afforded me in following yo^r Orders concerning the Office, conceiving that at his Return heither it will be in such Regularity as to Receive His Excellencys approbation, for I am studious of doing that w^{ch} I think

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

March ye 11th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

INCLOSED is a Copy of Lord Godolphins Letter to Lord Cornbury to Restore Mr. Byerly as like-

wife a Copy of his Ex^{cys} Speech to the Assembly of the *Jerseys*.

I have paid according to yo^r order of the 28th of Febry last Six pounds fourteen Shillings to *Jeremiah Smith*, and in pursuance of y^t of y^e 10th Currant in favour of *John Gilliard* have bought him a piece of Garlix at four pounds fifteen shillings with w^{ch} he seems well contented.

S^r I have stretch'd a point to answer demands, and as business of the Office is not at Present so brisk as I could wish therefore desire you'll give me time to Recruit, being at a low Ebb,—hope the same will be taken into Consideration for I really am with all due Regard

S^r &c.

I. BOBIN.

S^r

Your Deeds are Recorded.
there's much talk in Town of

his Ex^{cy} and Mrs. *Mary Vanborn*
the Eldest Daughter of *Abraham*
Vanborne.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, *March ye 14th 172^o.*

Hon^d Sir

I EMBRACE the opportunity of
Mr. *Mount's* going to the *Plains*
to pay you Mad^m *Clarke* and Mad^m
Hyde my humble regards and to let
you know I received yours of Yef-
terday ꝓ Mr. *Nicholls*. I will pay
him as soon as possible your Note
Drawn in his favour I shall not be
wanting in my Endeavours to find
out a Sober man to teach your
children & so soon as I succeed
therein will inform you thereof.

Mr. *Wileman* has promised with-
out further delay to deliver me to

morrow morning y^e Papers belonging to the Office, I have been very urgent and pressing for the same, & shew'd him that part of yo^r Letter relating thereto. I omitted mentioning to you in my last that I could not find any mittens in Town to suit Miss *Molly*. I have taken for you two Ticketts in *Lake's* Lottery the numbers are 35 & 36. I ardently wish success may attend them and every thing else which concerns you being with sincerity,

Sir &c.

I. BOBIN.

Geo. Clarke Esq.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

N. Y., *March ye 21st 1720.*

Hon^d Sir

ACCORDING to yo^r Request I now send by *Blake* four quire of Fine writing Paper; as to *Bohea Tea* I have given it to good Mr. *Sharpas* who very readily accepted of the care thereof, and has likewise for you a Letter delivered me by *Brasier* from *Esoapas* for forwarding as directed,—Mr. *Sharpas* designs (God willing) to set out for the *Plains* to morrow morning about the hour of Nine.

S^r Nothing has occurred worthy notice since my last therefore shall conclude with my hearty wishes for the prosperity of your good Family and am &c.

Yours

I BOBIN.

To *Geo Clarke Esq.*

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., SECRY'S OFFICE,

March ye 25th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

YOURS of yesterday came to hand. I very well remember what you therein mention in Relation to the Thirty pounds to be allowed you by Col. *Schuyler* out of his Fees on the Patents of Mr. *Harison, Phillipse &c^a* I dont know of any Money he has received on y^t score. Mr. *Wileman* tells me there's some money in his Hands on that Acc^t and hopes to Compleat the Remainder in a few Days which as soon as done will settle that affair. I think myself on the safe side as to yo^r thirty pounds and should be heartyly sorry shou'd prove otherwise through my neglect.

As to the Patent of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and Comp^a I will send you an acc^t of the State thereof in my next and am with Respect

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

To *Geo. Clarke* Esq^r

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. O. NEW YORK, *Ap^l 1, 1721.*

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE Received yours of Yesterday & *James Jordain*. Inclosed is the sum of two pounds; they are the smallest Bills I could get. I have paid Mr. *Nicholls* five pounds in part of yo^r Note Drawn in his favour.

I can't say any thing as yet in Relation to the Patent of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and Comp^a Mr. *Phillipse*

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being out of Town, The Assembly of this Province is further adjourned to the Nineth of May next.

I am yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

To *Geo. Clarke* Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Apl 22^d 1721.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE sent by *Riche* 4 Bar^{ls} of Beef at £1. 16*s* each (Mr. *Delancey* p^d the same price it being the best in Town) as likewise 12 lb of Chocolate £1: 2*s* Hand Brush 1*s* Sweeping Brush 10*s*, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Bar^l of Peas 18*s*, with the Bar^l; 12 Inch White Pine Boards 10*s* 3 lb of Whale bone 16*s* If any of the before mentioned particulars Shou'd

not prove to content they'll be taken again upon quick Return. If you approve of the Peas I will send another half Bar^l by *Riche* Next opportunity. I have not bought any Ozinbrigs by reason they ask 19d ^{per} Ell and for that which is Course, the greatness of the Price I ascribe to the Scarcity of it for want of Vessells from *Europe*. The Bricks and Limestone *Riche* Referrs till the next Trip. *Riche* has likewise two Roots of Coronation Pinks given by Mr. *Bayeux*; I send now by *Anne Sheaf* your Servant, 4. ou of Nutmegs, one D^o of Mace and two D^o of Cloves.

S^r Since you left the town We have not had Weather to Dry Snuff nor met with the good success of getting Limes &c. but hope to succeed in both before another Opportunity offers.

S^r Buſineſs of the Office is very Dull and nothing occur'd worthy notice Since yo^r Departure hence. therefore Conclude as I really am &c.

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

Geo. Clarke Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

April y^e 26th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 24th Inſt. relating to *Ned Grifſith*; the Moneys paid for nurſing his Child is four poundſten ſhillings, being for five Months from the 24th of November laſt to y^e 24th Inſt. by which it appears he is ov^r paid Seven ſhillings and nine pence.

S^r I hope you have received my Letter of the 22^d Inst. in which I have given an Acc^t of the several things sent ^{to} *Riche* whereby you'll perceive he has been Remis^d in the not Delivering of the Boards, Whale Bone and Coronation Pink Roots. What else is wanting he referred y^e taking till next Trip, I am with all due Regard S^r

Yours &c.

Is BOBIN.

George Clarke Esq^r.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

May y^e 13th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED yesterday by *Tom Hill* yours of the 11th Inst. and am glad the fruit met with your

kind acceptance as often as I get some will send. I am much obliged to Miss *Molly* for her good wish and dont doubt but her pretty Genius will soon make her mistress of her Pen.

S^r I send inclosed Mr. *Nicholls* Note as likewise your Quarterly Warr^t and three pounds in small Bills, I will Endeavour to compleat what you wrote me in Relation to the Patentees; heartily wish that affair Laye not so long Dormant—I Send now by *Tom Hill* two Bushells of Salt at 2s ^{per} Bush and two Basfs, they begin to grow scarce.

Mrs. *Ludlow* tells me the Childrens Cloaths will be ready to Try next Monday come Seven night.

S^r The Gov^r arrived here from *Amboy* Monday last in y^e afternoon and return'd there y^e Wednesday morning following; his making so

short a stay I did not think proper to trouble you ; he is expected back to morrow, I will send ^{the} next opportunity a Copy of the Speeches and Addresses during the sitting of the Assembly of y^e Jerseys at *Burlington* ; the Assembly here is adjourned till Tuesday next. There is no News in Town therefore concludes as I really am

&c.

I. BOBIN.

George Clarke Esq^r.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

May y^e 17th 1721.

Hon^d Sir,

I HAVE paid *Blake* yo^r notes of y^e 16th of March last and the 15th Inst. drawn in his favour.

Mr. *Wileman* paid me £15 on acc^t of the Patent of *Francis Harrison* & Comp^a and the patents of *Philip Schuyler* & Comp^a and promised me (as he has done often) to finish wth the Patentees this week.

S^r I send you inclosed a Copy of Speeches & addrefs during the siting of the Assembly at *Burlington* &c^a

'Tis sayd great preparations are making for the match so much talked of. Nothing of Novelty has occurr'd since my last therefore conclude as I really am with Sincerity

S^r

Yours &c.

Is BOBIN.

Geo. Clarke Esq^r

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

June 3^e 5th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

AFTER a Passage of Eight weeks from *London* arrived here this Day the Ship *Beaver* w^{ch} brings no other news (as I can Learn) than the Death of the Duke of *Buckingham*, Earl *Stanbope*, Earl of *Galloway* and Mr. Secretary *Craggs*, as likewise the unhappy Circumstances the People of *England* groan under by the Conduct of the South Sea Comp^{ay}

His Ex^{cy} delivered to me the Inclosed for forwarding and not knowing the consequence of the same thought it my duty to Dispatch the Bearer with the same hoping my readyness will be lookt on no other than that I am with all due Regard.

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Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

June ye 6th 1721.

Hon^d Sir.

ACCORDING to order, I have paid *Walter Jones* thirty Shillings and nine pence, And now send by him a pound of Bohea Tea twelve pound of starch and a Paper of Ink Powder.

I am sorry for your misfortune in breaking the Wheele of your Chaise; But hope Mad^m *Clark* nor yourself have met with no hurt thereby, I will observe what you wrote me in Relation to Chariot Wheels, Lead &c^a.

Mad^m *Hyde* sent me the inclosed for forwarding. Mr. *Hyde* seems under Concern for his past Conduct which he has promised to Regulate

for the future. I ardently wish he
may hold his Resolution. And am
&c.

I. BOBIN.

P. S. *W^m Ellison*, Mas of the
Sloop *W^m* will Sail for *London* about
the middle of Next Week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

June ye 15th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

HIS Excellency has Commanded
me to acquaint you that he
desires you'll please to favour him
with your presence here this Week.

Before yours of the 16th Instant
came to hand, I sent by *Riche* Sixty
Bushells of Lime at 1/8th Bushell,
As to Lathing Nails and Cedar Bolts

I shall send them by the first opportunity and will be mindfull of the Chariot Wheels.

Mr. *DeLancy* is not certain when the *Beaver* will fail, but Believes the Beginning of next week. Capt *Smith* has promised to let me know y^e certainty thereof in a day or two.

Last Council Day Capt. *Walter*, Coll *Beekman*, Mr. *Van Dam*, Mr. *Barberie* and Mr. *Phillipse* or any three of them were appointed a Committee of the Assembly to Examin the late Treasurer's Accounts and accordingly met at Coll *Depeyster's* House on Saturday last for that purpose.

I. BOBIN.

Mr *Hyde* is very much reformed.
To *George Clarke* Esq^r

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECKY'S OFFICE,

July y^e 5th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

THE members of the Council in Town being but few and Mr. *Phillipse* declining to act upon Mr. *Baker's* News of his Removal from y^e Council (which his Ex^{cy} believes to be true tho' he has had no advice of the same.) his Excellency has therefore ordered me to acquaint you that he desires your presence in Town here to Act and assist in Council.

The Particulars sent by *Riche* are as follows. The Medicines for the Doctor; the Acct sent by Mr. *Hyde*; Testament and Psalter 4/6; a Barrel of Brown Sugar, a Barrel of Rum; a Barr^l of Molasses £3 4/6d; 1 p^d

of Gun Powder 2*ſ* 6*d*; 8 D^o of Shot 3*ſ*; 3. p^d of Lathing Nails 3*ſ* 3*d*; 64. p^d of Candles £2;—a Loaf of Sugar quantity 27. p^d at 18*d* ½ p^d; 12 yds ½ of Garlix 2*ſ* 9*d*.

Coll. *Rutſen* puts one off from Day to Day Courtier like, but ſays that if he fail this week he ſhall think himſelf very unworthy of any favours from you for the future. I have not received from the Treaſurer your Quarterly warr^t ending June laſt. I have nothing more to add but that I am.

Hon^d Sir &c.

I. BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Augt ye 1st 1721.

Hon^d Sir—

I HAVE finished with Mr. *Hyde* and got every thing necessary for his voyage put on Board, Capt *Downing* proposes to sail to Day, the Owners would not give Credit for Mr. *Hyde's* Passage Money, therefore have been obliged to draw ten pounds from the Gov^{rs} fees, The amount of his Accounts is 158/ 15 0³/₄ New York money, w^{ch} I have reduced to Sterlg and taken his Receipt for the same.

There is only gone by *Riche* last Trip Six Cedar Bolts The Lime he Refused to take on Board, it must therefore go by next Trip with what else is wanting; he tells me

he will be in Town the latter end of this week, The ten pounds Drawn in his favor being not yet paid makes him very furly w^{ch} I cant help. I was yesterday at the Treasurer's who says he has none

I am yours
I BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
August ye 21st 1721.

Hon^d Sir.

HIS Ex^{cy} gave me this morning the Enclosed for forwarding; he designs to Imbark for *Albany* on Thursday next.

Mr. *Mount* is so kind to favour me with his Care of this & Mad^m *Clarke's* Snuff Box, and to take the Trouble of a Canister of Bohea Tea, The bearer of your Letter of

the 19th not coming near me but delivered the Letter to a Soldier.

S^r I have according to order paid *David Cathair* four pounds. The Chaise Wheels are Ready to send by *Riche*; old *Read* dyed on Friday last. Cap^t *Lancelot* mas^r of y^e *John* Gally bound to *London* from *Jamaica* was necessitated to come here, the Vessell proving very Leaky will sail for *London* in about Eight Days, and Capt *Ouvery* about the middle of next month.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

September y^e 12th 1721.

Hon^d Sir.

WITH some Struggle I have conquered that troublesome Companion the feaver and Ague,

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by checking it in time; I am told that at *Amboy* there is not one House free from that disease, some the whole family Down, and is almost as brief here; I heartily wish your good family may escape it.

S^r Inclosed is an Account of the several particulars sent now by *Riche* by your order for the use of Doctor *Magrath*; there goes likewise a loaf of fine Sugar (w^{ch} *Cæsar* left behind him when you were last in Town) at 2s 3d p^r The Chaise Wheels likewise go this trip.

I have paid Mrs. *Tarr* fifty shillings on acc^t of the Note Drawn in her Husband's favour; had made her easy as to the remainder by promise where She ow'd Money to pay it in a little time w^{ch} has answer'd her End.

The Gen^l Complaint here is a Consumption of Trade & your

Office is not without a taste of the unhappy effect of a Languishing Commerce, business being so dull that I have not for this Six Days or more cleared a vessel or taken any money in y^e Office. The Treasurer says he has none in his hands and does not know when he shall, w^{ch} makes some Officers who have quarterly Warr^{ts} look with Drooping aspects fearing they will be obliged to pass the Winter upon the faith and Credit of an Hon^{ble} Support without Money. The Gov^r is expected here the Begginning of next week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

September ye 14th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 12th Inst. by *Peter Smith* and according to order send by *Tunis Snediker* the Keg filled with Lime Juice I will be mindfull of Peach Stones.

Tuesday last I sent by *Riche* what was wanting for Doctor *Magrath*, and a loaf of fine Sugar w^{ch} *Cæsar* left behind him.

The Gov^r unexpected arrived here this morning about the Hour of Six. I dont hear as yet what progress he has had with the Indians.

S^r I return you thanks for the Concern you Express for my Welfare & my late Indisposition. I

thank God I am recovered and am now in a perfect state of health. I hope your goodself and family are the like and that they may be blest with the Continuance of y^e same is the fervent wish of

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Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Sept. y^e 27th 1721.

Hon^d Sir.

THERE goes now φ *Riche* a pound of Bohea Tea; 6 yds of brown Ozinbriggs; four $\frac{1}{2}$ of blew D^o

S^r I have been with y^e Pump maker named *Rich^d Talbot*, who sends you the inclosed and says he Can't pretend to undertake y^e making a Pump for less than 2/ φ

Foot, for it is the usual and Customary price and y^t he expects 8/ 3 Diem during the time that he shall be at the *Plains* affixing & feting the same, And his Charges and Expences both going and returning, w^{ch} I told I thought was some what out of y^e way, therefore told him I could do nothing further before I had acquainted you therewith and know your pleasure, which as soon as it came to hand would let him know — he answered if you agreed to what he proposed he would fall upon the work forthwith and give it all immediate dispatch. Mr. *Sharpas* tells me he is a Master of his business.

S^r I acquainted his Excellency that you presented to him your Duty and y^t your being much out of order with a Cold in y^r head and a sore throat hindred your waiting on him ;

he made me no answer ; I repeated the same word to him a second time, he still was silent ; then I withdrew.

S^r The Office is very bare of money and will not answer for what is drawn for Sundrys and as I have been hitherto obliged when I had not cash in hands to take things on yor Credit, and business since not having been brisk enough to answer other Demands and Discharge that, therefore People are shy in Delivering there goods without ready money, w^{ch} I know not how [to get.]

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECYRS OFFICE,

Octobr 18th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of y^e 17th Inst. by yo^r Negro & will leave no stone unturned to get in what money I can, but am at present very bare, being obliged now to pay ready money for what things I take up for your use; when a Sum comes to hand I shall inform you thereof with great pleasure. I have writ to Coll *Rutsen* & wait dayly for his answer. Mr. *Wileman* yesterday acquainted me that he had rec'd a Letter from Mr. *Collins* of *Albany*, date y^e 4 Inst in which he presents you his humble duty and desires to be excused for his long silence and y^t he will make speedy

payment of your Fees, and in order thereto Mr. *Bickly* has prepared a quantity of Flower and Peas to send to *York* to be sold so that Money may be dayly hoped for. Nevertheless I will observe your Directions to Mr. *Bickley*.

I send now by *Will* a Loaf of single refin'd Sugar q^t 7 p^d at 1 *s*, 6d ̄ p^d; 13 yds of Duffles at 6 *s* 3d; four yds of Swanskin at 4 *s*; 3 Indian Brooms 1 *s*: 2 Bibles, 18 *s*;—they are best I could get & am sorry the Print is not better; as to *Venice* talk [? chalk] there is none in Town; Doctor *Nicholls* had some a few days ago but it is all sold to y^c Ladys.

I send by *Will* four pounds in small Bills &c.

I am

S^r

Yours &c^a

I ROBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

October y^e 26th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

WILL carrys with him seven yards of yallow Taffita and as much of Blew at 10*s*. & 6*d* $\frac{7}{8}$ yard,—& $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of Blew Sowing silk; if not likt will be taken again; Mrs. *Ludlow* tells me the yallow suits very well, and the Blew is the nearest the Patern I could get & says she can't go to the *Plains* before the Beginning of next week, her hands being full of work. I have had the happiness of seeing Miss *Katty* yesterday Evening. Mr. *Sharpas* and M^{rs} *Betty Sharpas* conceiving Miss wou'd want a Night Gown I have therefore bought as much Calico as will make a double Gown

and had Mrs. *Betty's* advice therein, what else Miss may want I will take care to furnish. Mrs. *Ludlow* will make it forthwith. Miss *Katty* went with Mrs. *Brassier* in Mr. *Bickeley's* last night. Mr. *Fauconnier* is not in Town and can't Larn when he is Expected.

I will observe what you write in relation to *Rhode Island* Cheeses as I shall do in every thing else.

I have writ to Mr. *Collins* as ordered and have forwarded a Second Letter to Coll *Rutfen* very pressing. I expect dayly to hear from them.

I am much obliged to Miss *Molly* for her kind Remembrance of me, and to assure when I go to the Sweat Garden have her in my thoughts; have now sent her some.

There is no news. Mr. *Harington* promised to give me some Limes, but has not been so good as his

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word tho' often calling has not been wanting.

I am with Respect

S^r

&c.

Is BOBIN.

To M^r Clarke.

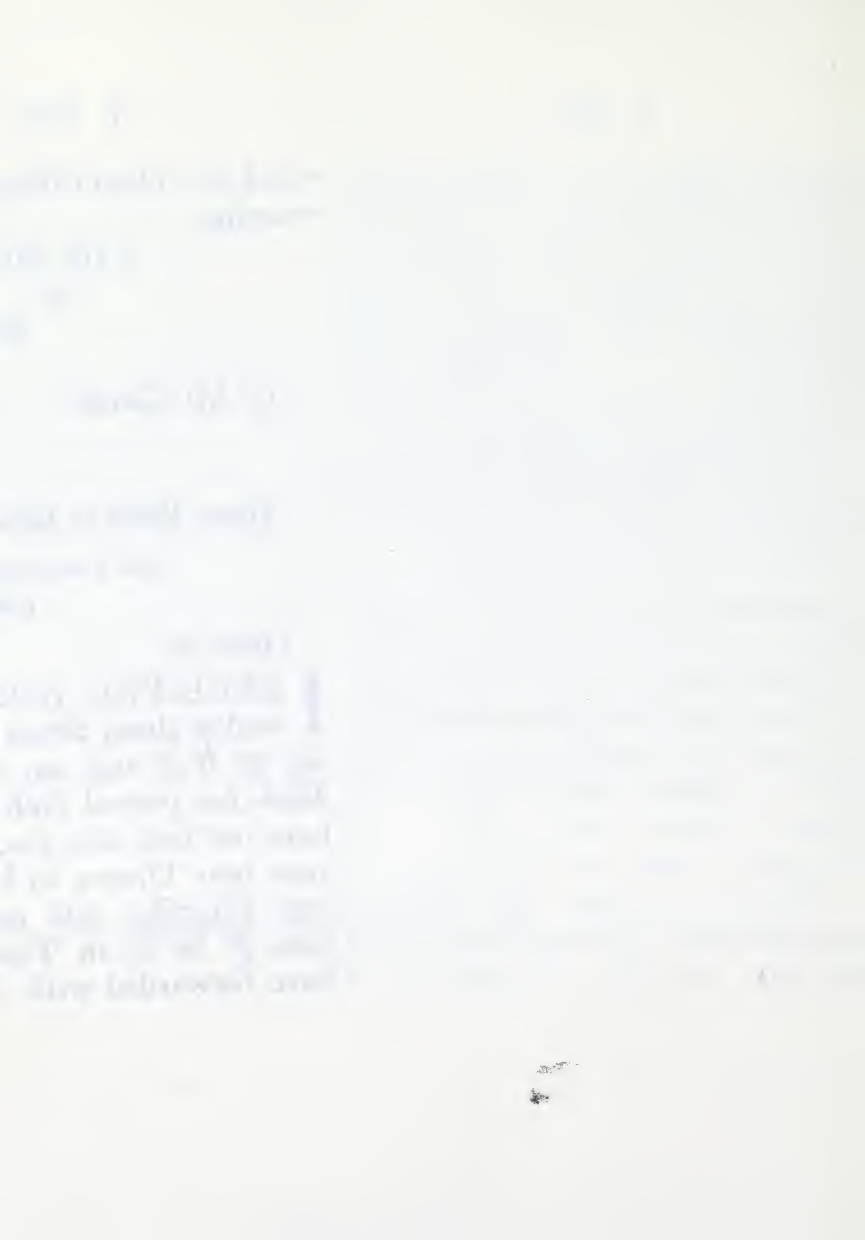
Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECR^y'S OFFICE,

Nov^r ye 24th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED yr Letter of Yesterday about Seven in the Evening & Will and am sorry to hear *Blake* has proved such a Villain, I have not seen him since I paid him your note Drawn in his favour w^{ch} was Thursday last nor dont hear now y^t he is in Town, therefore have forwarded with Instructions a



Writt to the Sheriff of *Richmond* County & will be diligent in making further inquiry after him. As to the *Safhes* they were not made at *Smiths* but at one *Peacocks* in the Broadway who not being at home therefore have rec'd no jnformation thereof, but shall observe your directions relating thereto—I dont hear that he has left any thing at *Riches*—

Mr. *Phillips* and Mr. *Sharpas* present you their humble service and say they'll referr the drawing Lotts till you come to Town.

I send by *Will* five yd^s of plain fustain at 3*s*, 3*d* but am afraid its too Corse there is none figured in Town; if not likt will be taken upon Return I send likewise 2 yds of *Blew Duffles* at 6*s* 7*d* yd.

I will Inquire after another Joyner.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, S. OFFICE,

Novr 3^e 26 1721.

Hon Sir

I REC'D yesterday your Letters of y^e 8th and 15th Inf^t The Sev^l Part. mention'd in that of the 8th go now by *Riche Viz^t a Barr^l of Sugar from Mr Schuyler*; Six p^r of gloves for Mad^m Clarke at 3*f* a p^r 6 Sheets of Miniken pins 8*f*.; 12 of largest 16*f*—; 12 of the Middling, 11*f*.; 2 Small Cords & large Bedd Cord—11*f*.; thirty two Gallons of Molosses *Jamaica* the best in Town 2*f*. 3^d Gallon; Six q^r of Letter Paper & 6 of Copying Paper; a Masons Trowell, 3*f*.; Six Packs of Cards 7*f* 6*d*; Three Ivory Combs 5*f* 6*d*; 1 horn Comb 3*d* If any of the prices of the before men-

tion'd particulars bought by me, shou'd be thought unreasonable or not likt by Mad^m *Clarke* they will be taken again upon Return—I have been Carefull y^t the Sugar and Moloffes can are well hoop'd.

S^r I return you my hearty thanks for the trouble you have taken to send me my Fathers Letter, as also of my kinsman and am under some Concern to pceive my friends at home uneasy for want of hearing from me; however Letters have miscarryed I can't tell, but as I have always had a value and esteem for my Parents therefore have never been wanting when opportunity offered to let them know of my Welfare.

S^r I have paid *Blake* yo^r Note Drawn in his favour for five pounds *Sconlock* not having Money to advance, and finding him under

necessity to buy hinges Nails &c^a for the use of your house; which he told me was very much exposed to Weather, mov'd me to stretch a point.

I will send what else is wanting ~~to~~ *Riche* next Trip which he tells me will be the Latter End of next week—Yor^r Warrants upon Mr. *Byerly* are signed.

Coden has promised to bring some good *R. Island* Cheese for your Winter Store. I have paid Mr. *Selby* your note of One pound ten shillings drawn in his favour.

Cap^t *Smith* of y^c *Beaver* Informs that he shall sail the Latter End of next Week hoping to Eat to his Xmas dinner in *London*

I can get no Money from The Treasurer, nor have not been so happy as to receive a Line from Coll *Rutfen* tho' I have often writ. I

have received from Mr. *Collins* yo^r fees out of w^{ch} I have paid *Riche*.

His Ex^{cy} is Expected from *Amboy* Sunday next. Miss *Katty* is very well.

The Surveyor Gen^l has not yet made any Return of y^e Surveys of the Land laid out for D^r *Humes* & al. As to *Anthony* I refer to his Letter Inclosed.

Blake will Inform you concerning Cedar Bolts.

I begg you'll excuse the broken English of my Father's Letter Ill see that some Snuff be made &c.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, S. OFFICE,

February y^e 21st 172^½.

Hon^d Sir

THERE goes now by *Riche* The
Barrel of Sugar, Box of Can-
dles, Six Indian Brooms, & Eight

pound of Chalck. The Punch & marking Iron are not finished.

Sr Since my laſt to you I have received a Letter from Coll *Rutſen* wherein he informs me that he has found two Mares one large about 6 or 7 years old and the other three next Spring the price of w^{ch} are fix pound each that he has likewise got one large Drawing Horſe a Black Ball above 15 hands high 5 years old at £15. That he will uſe his utmoſt Endeavour to get another to match him, but in the mean time deſires my answer upon the ſame. I therefore crave you'll be pleaſed to let me know whether you think thoſe prices reaſonable or not, that I may thereby be the better enabled to make an answer thereto, There will be no opportunity of ſending before the latter End of next week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, N. YORK,

March ye 7th 172½.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yo^r Letter of the 5th Instant by *Will* inclosed in the Warrants you write for & as concerning Deeds all those that were in my care I fend now in the Trunk for that purpose together with those found in yo^r Scrutoire at Mr. *Schuyler's* as likewise Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgages. The Deeds Recorded are Seperate from the others and are distinguished by a Labell—I have Inquired of Mr. *Sbarnas* and Mr. *Wileman* whether they had any Deeds belonging to you who told me they [had] not any. I will Endeavour to get Cedar Bolts to fend

by *Riche* next Conveyance, and Copy the Bills of the Lawyers to go at the same time

I have given Mrs. *Ludlow* 5 yds of plain White Calicote at 5*s* 7*d* yard; 2 yds of plain Muslin at 9*s*; a Doz. of Knives & Forks at 8*s*; Thread 9*s*; four Combs & Brush 6*s* & 9*d*; Bais 2*s*. Dear Sr I hope you'll excuse my keeping *Will* Yesterday being Called to my Relation on *Long Island* who had a pain on y^e side and moreover the Deeds recorded took me some time to Examine I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

P. S.

Sir.

I send by *Will* in small money two pounds three Shillings being all I had to spare having over drawn the Governours fees as believe your're sensible.

I have paid yor^r two Notes of y^e
22^d of Febry last in favour of *Marias Marsh & Hester Grice.*

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

January y^e 10th 1723^o.

Hon^d Sir.

I HAVE been with Mr. *Lane* concerning the Negro Wench, who tells me he has her now in his House, and is willing to let you have her upon Tryal not doubting but you'll find her a good slave; I will take care that she be sent by *Riche.*

S^r The Report of the Committee to whom was referred your account of Incidents of your Office has been read in Council, but upon some Gentlemen opposing the confirma-

tion thereof it was recommitted, and so remains and for no other reason than that they say you ought not to be allowed for Blank Let Passes and Lycences, which have been allowed hitherto, At the same time your Warrant for payment of your years salary out of the Quit-rents Ending the 13th of December last, was likewise read and laid before his Excellency for Signing, but was set aside it being objected by some at that Board, that if your Warrant passed with these Words viz^t [to be paid preferable to all other Establishments] (which words are grounded upon a Minute of Council) they could never expect to receive their Salaries for that yours would always be accordingly paid the first, and that thereby they shou'd be discouraged in the prosecution of their Offices, thereupon

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moved that a minute might be made that no more was meant or intended by the word [preferable] than that Warrants for payment of the said Salary be always preferably paid to Warrants upon the said Fund and the same date and be accordingly the first number of such Warrants, which was agreed to by a Majority of the Board, and Ordered that the Warrant be drawn Conformable.

Your being acquainted of these matters as well as having a view of what I am going further to observe will shew how sinisterly some people are inclin'd and in order thereto I send you inclosed the Copy of Minutes of the Committee appointed to Examin the Abstract of Patents, the first Paragraph of the second Minute I think with submission is industriously Pen'd with

an intent to reproach the Office, for the Minute there mentioned to be wanting is not of any consequence or of any greater moment than a loose half sheet of Paper with some Remarks or Observations on Patents and other Records and which was mislay'd by themselves, but the same being since found that part of the Minute is obliterated and they now seem to take little notice of the rest, Notwithstanding I further observed that towards the conclusion of the fourth Paragraph of the said Minutes they took Notice that a great many of the Minutes of Council are wanting and not mentioning what Minutes. I lookt upon those words to be General and fearfull they were couch'd with some design, I therefore advised with Mr. *Bickley* to know whether those words if Reported in that manner might hurt

you in your Office, who made me easy in that particular by telling me that the Beginning of the said Paragraph fully explain'd that they are old Records, that are wanting, for which you could not be answerable being that several were carried to *Boston* by *S^r Edmund Andros*.

As I have ever lookt upon those Gentlemen with a Watchfull Eye, so shall at all times be wakefull in observing every thing that may be for y^e safety of your jnterest being with great truth and respect

S^r

&c

I hope you've heard of your Trunk

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Jan'y ye 14th 1722.

Hon^d Sir

THE inclosed Letter I purposed to send by Cap^t *Congreve* who promis'd to call for the same but forgot.

I have received yours of the 12th instant and will be punctual in paying Mr. *Kennedy's* mother the sum therein mentioned.

I send by *Will* 10 p^d of Hops at 1*ƒ* 3*d* 12 p^r of Kid Gloves at 4*ƒ* 6*d* 2 packs of Cards 3*ƒ*, 12 yd^s Woorsted Feriting 2*ƒ* 3*d*; 2 Bed Cords 9*ƒ*; & 6 p^d of Floor Nails 5*ƒ*. As to the Negro Wench I beg leave to referr to the inclosed Letter and am

Yours &c.

I am glad to hear *Riche* remembers the Trunk —

I have been informed by one that had a mind to purchase the said Wench about a twelve Month ago that he offered the same Sum her Master does now ask but that he then insisted upon fifty pounds.

I have paid your note in favour of *Jⁿo Henderson*

The Governour goes for *Jersey* on Tuesday or Wednesday morning next.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Janry ye 27th 172³.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE yours of the 26th; that for Mr. *Walpole* I have taken care to put into the Greyhound News bagg with my own hands.

I send by *Will* a pound of Bohea Tea at £1. 4*s*. as likewise a pair of blew Coarse stockings at 3*s*. If not likt will be taken again upon return—I went this morning upon the Market to look for fresh Fish, but did not see any. Inclosed is three pounds one shill in small Bills.

Captain *Munro* has a young Negro Wench to dispose off between 16 & 17 years of age born at *Jamaica* in the *West Indies* but brought up here since three years old, he is not willing to let her go upon Tryall, but will warrant her to be found Limbed and a garl that may be train'd up to any manner of business, the price is forty five pounds which he says he gave for her three years ago to Mr. *Dunck*,. I have Enquired into her Character among those of the Neighborhood who inform me that she is a good slave.

The reason of parting from her I believe is the want of Money. *Will* can give some account of her, having seen her.

I will make a Copy of your last year's acc^t of Incidents and send by next opportunity and am with due regard

Hon^d Sir
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Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

February ye 8th 172 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED Yesterday Evening yours of the 6th instant by *Will*. Inclosed is three pounds in small Bills.

I have been with Mrs. *Schuyler* and acquainted her with what you desired. She desires me to Let you

know that she put aside for you a pair of Gloves and a Scruff which She now sends by *Will* and prays you'll please to accept of the same. The poor woman seems under a great concern for the loss of her husband, I have had from her a half p^s of *Holland* Linewn q^t 26 Ells; a p^s of Cambrick; 2 p^s of Tape at 1*ƒ* 6 p^r p^s; & 1 Ditto at 2*ƒ* as likewise a p^s of brown Ozibrigg q^t 72 Ells at 19*d*. Upon inquiry I find it is as good & cheap as those bought at the Merchants all which now goes by *Will* together with 25 p^d of twelve penny nails at 10*d* ̄ £; Six long silk Laces at 1*ƒ* 6*d* a p^s; Six yd^s of white Corded Dimity at 4*ƒ* ̄ yd; an Ounce of Camphire 5*ƒ*.; a pint of Spirits of Wine 6*ƒ*.; 12 p^d of Hard Soap. a p^s of Garlix chose by Mrs. *Ludlow* £3. 10*ƒ*; As to Loaf Sugar there is none to be got in Town.

S^r I fend you inclosed a Copy of the Address of the House of Commons to his Majesty which is lately come by the way of *Bristoll* in a Brigantine belonging to *Abraham Vanborn*. She brings little or no news; the Lords in the Tower are not yet brought to Tryal. I am now preparing his Excellencys orders to the Judge of the Pleas in y^e several Countys relating to the Probate of Wills &c^a His Excellency declines appoing Surrogates in the remote Countys, and as to Apprazers Mr. *Harison* and Coll *Lurting* have the power of Deputation. I am with all due regard.

Hon^d Sir

Yours &c.

I have dispatched *Will* with all Expedition—It is now between twelve and one.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

March ye 13th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE paid yo^r note of the 12th inst in favour of Mr. *Temple* to his wife by whom I now send a few Oranges which I hope will meet with your and Mad^m *Clarkes* acceptance I am sorry Limes are so scarce that I cant get any.

The Particulars sent by *Will* when last in Town are as follows Viz^t Two Grofs of Corks 7*ſ*; a p^s of Cherconne Romacks £3; a Tin Funnell 1*ſ* 3*d*; 3 p^s of *Holland* Tape 7*ſ*; a Loaf of Double refine Sugar q^t 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 2*ſ*. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; a p^d of Bohea Tea £1. 4, & two Packs of Cards 2*ſ*. 6*d*—

I have been with *Jones* concerning a wigg, who has promised me

to make one according to desire against April next.

Yesterday arrived in the Evening *Andrew Bisset*, Master of the *Snow Hamilton*, who left *London* the 7th of December last and the 26 following from the *Downs* to *Maderas* Arrived some time in January, by whom we have the following advice That Councilor *Leare* was Tryed and Condemned and that some time in January was assigned for his Execution, but upon his propofalls of making a full discovery was reprieved for two months, and that the Lord Bishop of *Rocheſter* and the other Lords in the Tower were not brought to Tryal nor it was not known when they would. I have Enquired but do not hear of any Letters for you and am with respect

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Yours &c

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by *Will* was likewise sent in my
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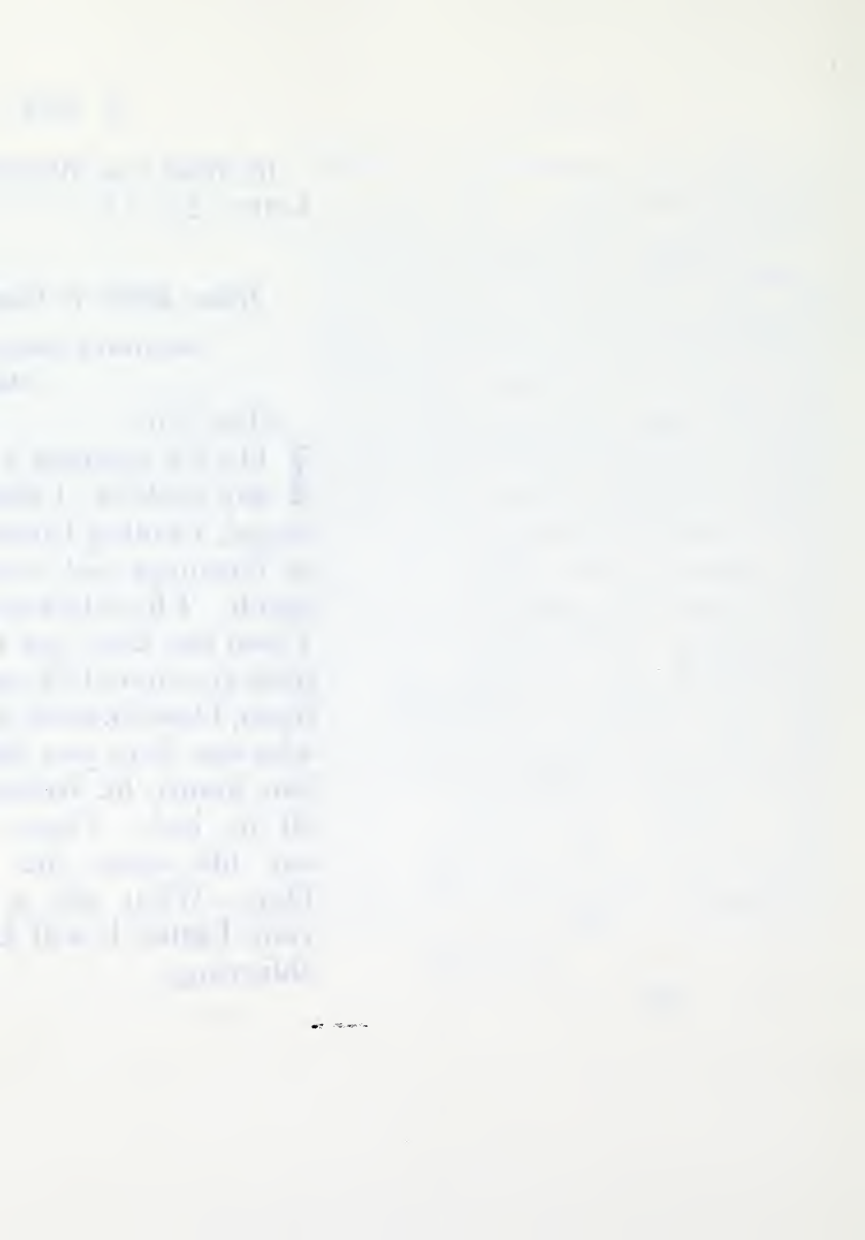
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

March ye 19th 172³.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will* I send now by him Ropes, Leading Lines, half a pound of Nutmegs and twelve pound of starch. I have sent to most places in Town but Cant get Garden Beans, those that have had any have planted them, I sent likewise to Mr. *Delancey* who was sorry you did not think of 'em sooner he having made use of all he had. There has not been any fish upon the Markets this Day—What else is mentioned in your Letter I will be punctual in observing.



S^r Mr. *Harison* presents you his Humble Service as likewise to Mad^m *Clarke* and Mad^m *Hyde*. He is much concerned about a Patent that appears in this Office for 3000 acres of Land on the West side of *Hudsons* River to the Southward of *Old Mans* Creek, granted by Coll *Ingoldsby* to *W^m Glinicrofs*, *Alexander Campbell* and *Thomas Harding*. The said Patent being for Land for which he has a Grant from Brigad^r *Hunter* and as the said Patent is prior to his he is Apprehensive that he will suffer, but what gives him some hopes of a remedy is that *Glinicrofs* and others have never paid any Quit rent for said Land nor does said Patent appear upon Record, neither is it signed by yourself or Deputy. He desired me to mention it to you believing you would give him your advice in that affair.

P. S.

St^r *Will*, Since I finished my Letter, has got about a q^t of garden Beans for w^{ch} he has been obliged to pay 9d.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Apl^l ye 3^d 1723.

Hon^d Sir.

THE Chairs go now by *Riche* as likewise two Barrlls of *Long Island* Beef at £1. 18. 7^p Bar^l, & the Box with Candles q^t 63 p^d

I have referred sending Lime Juice till another opportunity that which is now in Town being not only bad but deer. Vessells are dayly expected from the *West Indies*, when they are arrived I will look out for some that is good and at the

same time Endeavour to get some fruit for Mad^m *Clarke*.

The Governour will meet the Assembly of this Province the 7th of May next according to the adjournment of that House. I have by his Order sent Circular Letters to acquaint the members thereof. His Excellency will go for *Jersey* the 23^d of this instant—The Vessells mentioned in the inclosed Mercury now at *Amboy* bound for *London* will not fail before the Latter End of this Week or beginning of next. The Gov^r upon Information that a Malignant Distemper was raging in the Island of *Jamaica*, called a Council whereupon an order was made that the Ferry man at the *Narrows* on *Long Island* side and likewise the Ferry men on *Staten Island* do on the approach of any Vessell from Sea repair on Board

every Veffell coming in and if any of them come from *Jamaica* they are to forbid them to proceed further than the Watering place under *Staten Island* till further order.

Mr. *Jemmey Morris* is very bad of a Consumption in fo much that his life is dayly difpaired off.

S^r I omitted to mention that I likewise now fend by *Riche* a Bar^l of Moloffes q^t 32 Gal. 21d $\frac{7}{8}$ Gal.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

April 17, 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of y^e 11th jnst. by *Riche*, I fend now by him y^e following particulars Viz^t five Gallons of Lime Juice at 2*s*. 6. $\frac{7}{8}$ Gal; a Barr^l of Tarr at 7*s*. 6*d*; a

Gallon of Sallade Oyl 12*s*; Eleven fathom of White well Rope, Three Bas, Two Grofs of Corks at 3*s* 6*d*. I have not found any Ox Cart Boxes Suitable to the Scize you ſent, but ſhall make further Enquiry. As to Loaf Sugar there is none in Town nor has there been as yet any Lobſter upon Market, And in Caſh two fifteen Shilling Bills one of Twenty and one of Six together with Eleven dollars, which make in the whole Six pounds two Shillings.

S^r Since my Laſt there has not arrived but one Veſſell from the *Weſt Indies* which was from *Jamaica*, She brought no fruit, all the fruit upon that Iſland being deſtroyed by the late Storm they have had there; the News that a Contagious Diſtemper was raging there proves falſe.

When Veſſells arrive and bring

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fruit I will not be wanting to get
some to send to the *plains*.

I am

&c.

I. BOBIN.

Geo. Clarke Esq^r

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Ap^l ye 19th 1723.

S^r

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday. I am sorry I can not find any Ox Cart Boxes to the Demensions you desire,—*Walther Thong* tells me he expects some Dayly from *Boston*.

Coll. Lurting inform'd me of a Negro wench to be disposed off by one *Chaloner* who is going to Live with his Family at *Rhode Island*,

Whereupon I went to the said *Chaloner* where I saw the Wench he brought wth him about 3 years ago & is about twenty Years of age; speaks pretty good English, Sound Limb, understand every thing belonging to Household affairs (as her Master inform'd me). The Lowest price he tells me is forty five pounds ready money and will not let her go upon Tryal. I omitted to mention that y^e wench is Six months gone wth Child as her Mr told me.

I am commanded by his Ex^{cy} & Coun^l to send you the jnclosed Minute of which you are to take notice and Govern yourselves accordingly.

Isaac Robin to Mrs. Hyde.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

June ye 8th 1723.

Madam.

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will*, & am sorry to hear of Mr. *Clarkes* Indisposition. I wish him his health as likewise all y^e family.

Madam

I send now by *Will* 8 Lobsters & 27 Crabbs; a pound of Bohea Tea £1. 4 as likewise fifty shillings in small Bills. I will observe what you write me in relation to Miss *Molly*, and will pay Mr. *Cook* two Pistolls according to desire—I am concern'd to hear that the thought of Miss *Molly Dickens* not being paid for the Silk Stockings should give you any uneasiness. I hope she

has not been so unkind as to ask you or Mr. *Clarke* for it when in Town, for I paid it her immediately after ordered, she may Remember I gave her a Pistoll and she had not change to give me; I have her Receipt which will Reconcile that matter, I give you Mr. *Clarke* and Mad^m *Clarke* Joy of master *Hyde's* recovery and am with respect.

Mad^m &c.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July 2^d 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE yours of Yesterday, I have been with *Jⁿo Chambers* and received from him 44 Ounces and a half of Plate I send by *Cæsar* a Testament and Spelling Book as likewise some Lobsters.

We hear from *Albany* that Coll
John Schuyler has been discovered
to Trade with *Canada*.

I. BOBIN.

George Clarke Esq^r.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July 3^e 12th 1723.

Hon^d Sir.

I RECEIVED this morning your
Letter of Yesterday, & will ob-
serve what you write now concerning
a Welsh Dairy made, as well what
you mention relating to *Allane*
Jarret. *Lawrence* has never spoke
to me about any maid.

I will Enquire of *Cook* to day
when Miss *Mollys* month is expired
and pay him. I send by *Will* 32
Gallons of Rum at 3*s*. 3*d*.

I have paid *Molly Sheppard* four pounds.

As to Mr. *Byerlys* Mortgage I believe 'tis among the Deeds I sent you according to the desire of your Letter of the 5th of March, 172 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July 3^e 17th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 13th inst. what you observe therein concerning Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgage is very Just, for upon second thought I remembered I had it from you and gave it to Mr. *Wileman* (who now has it) in order for to make oath to the Execution of it, which he has not as yet done, but has promised me to do it out of hand

this week. I will not be wanting in often calling upon him till it is compleated and then Record it.

I have spoke to *Lawrence* who tells me he has not as yet heard of a Maid, but will use his utmost Endeavour to get one,—*Allane Farratt* is not yet arrived.

I have delivered your Letter to the Treasurer—I have paid the Bearer your Note in his favour.

Mr. *Boelen*, the Dutch Lawyer, who is concern'd for the Persons naturaliz'd complain'd to his Excellency that I infisted upon twenty shillings for each Person named in the Act whereupon his Excy sent for me and told me he would have no other fees taken than such as were directed by Ordinance, for tho' there was several Persons named in the Act Yet it was no more than one. I observed to his Excy that

when the Committee met upon that Act they were of opinion that each Person named therein in paying 20*l.* to the Secretary was but reasonable; he said he had nothing to do with their private opinion and with some heat say'd, you had never acquainted him of it, and moreover he lookt upon y^t demand to be an Exaction, and that I might acquaint you of the same.

I will observe your good cautions and any *Coden* brings news from *Rhode Island* y^t twenty three of the Pyrates are Condemn'd there, one ordered for Execution, Capt. *Solgard* was to sail from there Sunday last.

Inclosed is four pound.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July 5^e 19th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday that you therein mention of Saturday last did not come to hand before Wednesday last, and to which I then sent you an answer by *Guyon Nesbit*, The substance thereof being that Mr. *Wileman* has Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgage in order to make Oath to the Execution of it.

That I have spoke to *Lawrence* who has promised me to use his Best Endeavours to get a Maid Servant for you.

That I delivered your Letter to the Treasurer.

That the Governour will not allow any more fees to be taken or

received for the naturalization Acts than what is directed by Ordinance, and now in consequence of yours of yesterday I have been at Mr. *Laws* to acquaint him that *Will* had lost the Letter from him to you but he is gone out of Town.

The Treasurer desires to be excused from writing by this Opportunity by reason he is now very busy making up his accounts.

I have paid *John Smith* forty shillings and send inclosed in small Bills four pounds.

The Acts of Assembly now past I believe will be sent home by the *Snow* that is expected dayly here with *Franks*.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here from *Bristol* after a Passage of Nine weeks I do not hear that she brings any news.

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Ripet is likewise arrived from
Barbados but has brought no fruit.

I am with respect

S^r your &c.

I BOBIN.

Miss *Molly* is very well.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July ye 27th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday ; according to your desire therein I have been with the Treasurer who tells me his Accounts will be ready for you on Thursday or Friday next.

Inclosed is four pounds in small Bills.

I send now by *Will* two p^r of

Traces @ 5*s*, 4*d*; Leading Lines 3*s*. 4½*d*; twelve pound of starch 6*s*.; Three Yards of White silk Galloon 1*s*. 6*d*; Padlock and staples 3*s*.

I have writ this morning to Mr. *Thos Dongan* by an Opportunity that offered for *Staten Island*.

I will mind *Lawrence* of what you write me concerning a Dairy Maid and Red Clover feed.

Capt *Solgard* arrived here on Thursday last; after Careening his ship he designs to take another Cruise,

Capt. *Jarratt* is not yet arrived.

I. BOBIN.

Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

August ye 1st 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday by *Will*, and send now by him a Barr^l of Beef at 37*s*. 6*d* bought at Mr. *Jay*'s. I am Inform'd by the Packers 'tis the best in Town, Mr. *Jay* says he'll warrant it to be good, I send likewise the Candle Box with Candles q^t 75 p^d at 7½*d* p^d as also a Bits-worth of Allum; The other things I will send by *Riche*; every thing bought for your use is with this Caution if not likt either as to 'tis price or goodness-to be taken again; this I do to prevent deceit, and will observe the hint you give me concerning

Mr. *Alexander*. The Galloon I sent last was not bought there, but at Mrs. *Stillwells*, who upon writing to her about the Extraordinary price of the Galloon sent me the inclosed answer and says she pays half a bit a yard for it at the Merchants by the p^s and that all she had left she sold at the price of that she sold you.

I have paid *Elenor Carpenter* your note in her favour.

I am glad to hear you have received no damage from the storm we have had last Monday it has done considerable to the Docks.

The inclosed Letter I believe to be from Mr. *Thomas Dongan* in answer to what I writ him.

The Treasurer's Accounts are ready.

The Master of a *Bristol* Vessel has been so kind to present me with

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a Bottle of Capers which I desire
you'll accept from Sr

Your humble Servant

I. BOBIN.

Geo. Clarke Esq.

Thomas Dongan to Isaac Bobin.

CASTLETOWN, Aug^t 17th 1723.

Sr

I WAS favour'd wth yours this
Morning relateing to Mr. *Clarke's*
affairs and herewith send him an
answer. I should be glad if leifure
did permit to have the fatisfaction
of seeing y^u at my House, and shall
be allways proud if any opportunity
offers wherein I can shew my sincere
acknowledgm^t of the favours con-
ferr'd by you upon Sr

Your oblig'd humble

Serv^t

THO^s DONGAN.

Isaac Bobin to Robert King.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Sept^r ye 11th 1723.

Sir

MR. Secretary *Clarke* being in want of a Negro wench & I having had advice from Mr. *King* that there is one to be sold at *Amboy* on a months Likeing, before I mention it to Mr. *Clarke* I should be glad to know the reason of her being sold and whether upon Enquiry you may think she is fit for service and that no ill qualitys attend her.

S^r I have very little acquaintance at *Amboy* is the occasion of my giving you this trouble desiring you'll be so kind to make such an Inquiry and to let me hear from you concerning y^e same so soon as

conveniently may be; I must confess
I can't conclude without blushing
for my freedom herein.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, N. YORK,

Sept. 14th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

SINCE my Letter to you of Yesterday by *Riche* I have received yours of the same day. All the things mentioned in your Memorandum are a Board of *Riche*. *Riche* not being gone *Will* takes the small things with him. Mrs. *Schuyler* now sends a p^s of Shalone, a p^s of Muslin & a p^s of Linen Silk. She advises me to acquaint you that she cant get a p^s of Druget in Town to match the shalone under forty yards.

S^r The weather not being settled, I have not ventur'd to send the Papers.

As to Miss *Mollys* Trunk &^a Mrs. *Congreve* will take care to send in such order as they may goe safe. Mr. *Cook* says the Spinnet must not go till the Weather is better settled, & y^t he will tune it and Quil it as likewise set her some Tunes. *Will* Informs me of Mad^m C—— being brought to Bed of a girl of which I give you Joy and am

The Council will set to Morrow, in order to sign y^e quarterly Warrants & to receive y^e Report of y^e Com^{ee} upon y^e Computation.

The Gov^r has named the present Mayor & Sheriff of this City to be Mayor & Sheriff for the year En-
suing; he has likewise made no alteration at *Albany* in the Majest-
rates; will go for *Jersey* Monday
next.

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I have sent a few Limes w^{ch} I desire you'll please to accept with my hearty wishes for Mad^m *Clarke's* recovery, I am glad Mr. *Riggs* prevailed upon Mr. *Brown* to go with *Will* and am with all due regard.

Sr Yours &c.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Septemb. ye 15th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

THERE goes now by *Riche* (upon whom I could not prevail to go sooner) a Barrel of Beef £1. 17*s*. 6*d*; a Q^r Cask of Wine @ £6; twelve pound of hard Soap @ 6*s*; twelve p^d of Chocolat £1. 1*s*; two Barr^{ls} of Beer a p^d of Bohea Tea @ £1.; Six q^r of writing

Paper. *Will* carryed with him from Mr. *Lanes* four Bottles of Brandy with a Letter from Mr. *Lane*.

I have not sent Miss *Mollys* Spinnet, Mr. *Cook* telling me it would be spoilt if sent in wet Weather; he has promised me to Tune it to day or to morrow; the Frame &c referred till another time by reason of y^e weather.

Yesterday I laid before his Ex^{cy} in Council according to order the Treasurers Accounts, together with your Computation of the Auditor's fees for Auditting the same. Whereupon his Excellency referred it to the Gent. of the Council or any five of them to Examine. whether the Computation of the Auditor's Salary be right, I acquainted him with y^e Reason of your so suddenly leaving the Town.

Robert King to Isaac Bobin.

PERTH AMBOY, *Septembr* 24th 1723.

Sir

PURSUANT to Mr. *Thomas Duncans* request have inquired for a Negro Wench whither she may sute Mr. Sec^{try} *Clarks* Service I know not—

but that she hath bin in this Country ab^t three years hath a healthy Like man Childe of ab^t Eight mo: ould; I believe will be sould for 50 or 51 / her want of being well taught is the only objection I make she hath but Lately faln into propper hands was my servant near two years, the dutty Negroes are subject to at *N: York* I find will make the owner scruple sending her in case it be required untill that be Clear'd, tho' tis likely

that doct^r *Hume* p^d it when he
imported her wth other Negros
pleas to favour me with your an-
swere that I may Let the owner
of the Serv^t know, with my most
humble respects to Mr. *Clarke*,

Sir Your most Humble Serv^t
ROB^t KING.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

September ye 28th 1723.

Hon^d Sir,

THE Drugget &c. from Mr.
Schuyler is ready to go by *Riche*
as well as Miss *Molly's* Spinet.
Mr. *Cook* promised me some New
Tunes for her but is gone without
giving me any.—

I have not heard from *Amboy*
about Mr. *King's* Wench but will
write again.

I have been with Mrs. *Vernon* concerning *Windiford's* Negro Wench, who tells me she must have a further Tryall of her before she can give her Opinion; The Wench goes there again Monday next for further Tryal,

Coll. *Lurting* has not any of your damnified flannen left, Mr. *Lane* informs me that he has sent Mr. *Chiswells* Bills for you by Mr. *Bickley*.

Franks informs me the Vessel he came in from *London* will not fail for that place before the middle of next Month. I have paid Mr. *Brownell* for Miss *Mollys* schooling as likewise for Six Balls of Gold & one of Silver Thread for Miss *Molly*, at £1. 6*s*. which I send now by Mr. *Winman* the Upholsterer. The bearer being impatient to go will give me time to add nothing more.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Octobr ye 1st 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of. Yesterday by good Mr. *Bickley*, and will be carefull in sending Miss *Mollys* Spinnet &c^a by *Riche*, with the other things you write for.

I have writ again to *Amboy*.

S^r Upon hearing that Doctor *Dupuy* had a Negro Wench to dispose of I have spoke to him concerning her who tells me the Attorney General and some others are about buying her, but you shall have the preference, he is willing to let her go upon Tryal for a Month, not doubting but you'll find her a good slave, She is about Nineteen and twenty Years of age

brought up in his Family from an Infant, he will not take less for her than fifty five pounds. Mrs. *Harding* sent a White woman Servant to me with the inclosed Note who says She is willing to serve you if you have occasion, That she understands any thing belonging to Household affairs y^t she and her husband is come from *Boston* where they had a small Settlement in the Country but the Indians having destroyed which reduced them to look for a livelyhood, her husband likewise offers his services if you have occasion, he tells me he has been brought up to Agriculture Husbandry and that he likewise understands Weaving, They are people about thirty years of age Sturdy and strong and seem well made to work—

I have spoke to *Lawrence* con-

cerning the Clover seed who has promised me very faithfully to bring it next Trip—

As to the Lawyers Accounts Mr. *Wilcman* has taken the Minutes of the Supream Court from me in order to make them out, he shewed me that he has begun upon them, and says that he will set all business aside to Compleat them, I told him that he had so often made such promises that you had no hopes of his ever compleating them, and that I would do them, in Answer to which he told me no one could do them so well as himself they having been taken in his time, and y^t he should be as uneasy as yourself till they were done.

Since I writ this I have received yours by *Will*, and send now by him ——— of Candles, an hour Glas 1/6d a pound of Bohea Tea £1 ;

half a hundred of Gun Flint 2/ 6d
 and four yards and three Nailes of
 y^d Wide Flannen, & 8 p^d of Hops.
 As to Hemp Seed I have Enquired
 of Capt *Searl* who tells me he has
 not any, nor does not know of any
 in Town, but that he has writ to
Jersey for some and if he gets any
 will spare me as much as you desire.
 As to Miss *Mollys* musick it will go
 with the Spinnot. The things from
 Mrs. *Schuyler* go likewise with *Will*,
 Mrs. *Schuyler* has thought fit to
 send the whole piece of Drugget
 and what remains she take back.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Octobr ye 16th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of yesterday and have paid *Nurse Parker* five pounds and send inclosed in Small Bills, three pounds.

The several fundarys sent by *Will* are mentioned in the within memo. with their prices. I have ventur'd to buy a pair of stockings over and above the number mentioned in your Letter *Will* telling me he is very much in want of a pair, and that he had forgot to speak to you otherwise they wou'd have been mentioned in the Letter, As to y^e scales &c. they must go by next Opportunity the Man not having got them ready according to promise.

The p^s of Linen from Mrs. *Schuyler* I am afraid is too Coarse but she tells me she has no other y^t comes near the price you desired as y^t now sent y^e price being £3. 8/. her Family is very much out of Order and desires to be excused if she cannot doe as she could wish.

Mr. *Kennedy* tells me the Quit Rents come in so slow that he has very little Cash in hand but if 9 or 10 pounds will be of any service he will advance it on Credit of the Warrant.

Bradford has not any of *Lillys* Accedences or Accedences and Grammars, but expects some dayly from *Boston* as well as *Philadelphia*—

The Letters you sent to the Treasurers I have Copy'd seal'd and delivered to him, who tells me he is indisposed with the Feaver inso-much that he is not able to take



Pen in hand to make answer to it but so soon as he is better will.

The Clover seed goes now by *Will* as likewise Mr. *Dupuys* Negro Wench, I could not prevail upon her master to give her two Blankets so have bought her a couple according to order, he has given her a pair of New Shoes and Stockins.

I understand she does not want for Close, she is unwilling to be sold, and her Mistress as unwilling to part from her, which makes the Dr afraid she'll be stubborn and say she can do nothing but desires you'll not believe her for she can do every thing belonging to a House, except milking a Cow, She has liv'd some time with Mr. *Nicholls* the Post Master which made me Inquire of him as to her Character who tells me she is a Wench knows the business of a House, but that who ever

buys her must have a watchful Eye over her otherwise she will be apt to Idle her time. I have enquired at other places where she has liv'd but do not hear an Ill Character of her, I hope she may answer to Expectation.

The Vessel for *London* will sail next week.

I can't get any Spanish Tobacco but have sent all I had in the Office and am with respect

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

I BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Octobr ye 21st 1723.

Hon^d Sir

AT the request of Mr. *Haskoll* I send you the inclosed by the bearer (who is paid for his Journey by the Governour) —

I send you by this opportunity Mr. *Byerlys* Bond & Mortgage which I have Recorded and Examined.

Cap^t *Solgard* arrived here yesterday from his Cruise.

I hear they have done very little as yet in *Jersey*. That since the Governour has been there they have had but one Council, and the Assembly have Resolved to strike Bills of Credit to the Value of forty thousand pounds the one half to be Proclamation and the other half to

bear the Credit of *New York* Currency; the whole to be sunk in 20 years.

I met last Saturday *Andrew Johnston* who told me the reason of not answering my Letter was his coming to Town that he had enquired as to y^e Ch. of the Negro Wench to be disposed of at *Amboy*, that he is informed she is stubborn & not very active at her work, that she belongs to one *Harrison* who was formerly Sheriff of *Amboy*, and the only reason of her being sold is the want of money—The price he tells is Seventy five pounds for her and her Child about four years of age which I look on to be a very extraordinary price, especially for one that has not being long in the Country, and knows but little as he tells me. I hope *Dupuy's* Wench will please Mad^m *Clarke*, so if you believe she

will not do I should be glad to know that I may Inquire further and am

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Octob. ye 29th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will* and send now by him the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed Memorandum, The other things I will endeavor to get ready to go by *Riche*.

I have inclosed four Pounds, & have given *Will* 22*s*. to buy a Hatt at the Ferry for your Carpenter.

The bearer arrived here Saturday last from *London* after a Passage of Six weeks—The *Sunderland* was to follow him in Six days after he

W

Sailed, and the Ship *Samuel* in ten, Captain *Symes* is Confirmd as like-wife *Blood* who is Commanded up to *Albany*, and young Mr. *Riggs* is to take his Post here—As to News I begg leave to referr you to y^e inclosed Papers which Mr. *Delancey* has been so kind to give me.

The inclosed Letters I received from Mr. *Nicholls* except one which I believe to be from Mr. *Dongan*.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

November ye 13th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will*, I have been at Dr. *Dupuy*s but have not seen him but expect to see him some time to Day I will then mention to him

what you write me concerning *Mary*, I believe it will be necessary to take a Bill of Sale for her when the Money is paid. —

Cap^t *Low* won't Let the Boy go on Tryal. —

Mess^{rs} *Schuyler* and *Van Brugh* tell me they can not now inform me of what you desire but will be particular in sending an answer by y^e Post to every thing after they arrive at *Albany*, The Deed they have carryed with them in order to be Executed there by Coll *Jⁿ Sylvester*. I inclose you Mr. *Van Dams* Memorandum of the Account relating to *Schohare* those Gentlemen have been very Extravagant in their Account, in one Article they charged twenty five pounds for y^t Expence and fatiague of their Voyage from *Albany*, which Article is struck out as well as some others which Mr.

Van Dam look'd upon to be very Exhorbitant. Mr. *Kennedy* has paid me £15. on account of your Warrant of Incidents which sum is inclosed, and he was just then going for *Amboy* so that he had not time to fill up the Blanks in the Account of Mr. *Walpoles* Horse.

I have received from Mr. *Bickley* 44 Ounces & a half of Silver at 9s 6d Ounce.—The *Beaver* will faile the twentyeth of this Instant—*Bradford* has not yet got any of *Lillys* accidences or Grammars he has promised to let me know when they come As to flax I have not yet inquired for any Expecting that Mr. *Dongan* in his Letters to you might have given you an account of some, but have sent £1. p^d for present use. I will now Enquire for that as well as Hemp seed I cannot get any Spanish Tobacco

good enough to fend now, but will see further against next opportunity.

The ship *Sunderland* arrived here monday last, after a Passage of 7 weeks from ye *Lizard* Cap^t *Symes* is come with his Commission for Captain; the King was expected home y^e 2^d of October.

There was not any Letters for you in the Post Office; that for Mad^m *Hyde* I had from Mr. *Nicholls*.

Mr. *Cook* has sent several Wires that Miss *Molly* may take which she thinks will suit Best, he tells me that he is very sorry Miss has left the Town for that she will forget all she has Learnt; he proposes to go to the *Plains* some time next week, but says he cant confine himself to the Country above a Day; he desired me present his humble services to yourself Mad^m *Clarke* Mad^m *Hyde* and Miss *Molly*,

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Molly Decan desired me likewise to mention y^t she Joyns therein. I send now by *Will* with the other things mentioned in y^e jnclosed memorandum a few Limes which I hope you'll accept from
S^r

&c.

I. BOBIN.

Mr. *Clarke*.

C. Denne to Isaac Bobin.

DEN HILL, *noubr* y^e 14. 1723.

Kind S^r

I RECEUED yours dated o^ct^r y^e 30: I mett with the doctors man & *beats* together I Red. that Letter to *beats* as you writte to him & also Repremanded him ffor Giuen the Doctors Land an ill Report; he has promised me that he will not

doe foe no more ffor the time to
 Come the docters man was uery
 well fatisfied and told to me that
beats would go off without any
 ffurther trouble Sr I fhall always
 be Redy to ferue you or yours when
 I haue Refeued foe many ffauours
 ffrom & hope I fhall Liuee to make
 you amends ffor, which I haue not
 yet done.

Sr I now make bold to trouble
 you with a Line or to ffor to Lett
 you know that our good neighbours
 haue been a plotting againft me
 again there is that white Lookt
 Gent *John Everett* and *duning* has
 made it theire hole bufnefs to fett
 Juftice *Alfup* and my felfe at uarence
 which is at a uery hie degree & alfoe
 againft Judge *Blagg* & old Mr.
Clowes Sr I pray pardon me ffor it
 is to Long to much ffor to give you
 the hole acompt but If you fhould

see Judge *Blagg* he will in fform to
you the hole matter Sr my service
to your selfe & to Docter *Dupuy* &
to my Good ffrind *John Chambers*
whoe is with Respect

Your ffrind & humble serv^t

C. DENNE.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Novr ye 22^d 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 18th
Inst, and am glad to hear you
have hopes the servant I sent will
do; after copying and sealing *Law-
rence Smyth's* Letter I have sent it
under Cover to Mr. *Andrew John-
son* desiring him to forward it; all
the Papers you sent me I send now
back by this Opportunity fairly
Copied and Examined.

The Letters you sent for *England*
I have put into the *Beaver's* Bagg—
The Treasurer continues much indisposed so that he does not know when he shall be able to get his Accounts ready—I send herewith 20/ of 22^d nails and six q^r of Copying Paper.

I will observe what you write me concerning Mr. *Van Dam*, When *Riche* comes I will send by him The Candles and Chocolate and the Charrot Wheels if they be ready.

I am

S^r

&c.

I. BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFF., N. YORK,

Novembr ye 27th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I SEND now by *Riche* a Box of Candles and am sorry those I sent before of Mrs. *Smiths* prov'd so bad, those that go now I have bought at one *Peltreau* where I was jnform'd they were better. As to the Chocolate it is so dear I have not sent any the lowest they ask is two and nine pence the pound and that but very Indifferent Cocoa being sold at 10 & 11 pounds the hundred.

Sunday last arrived here the ship *Samuel* from *London* the 23^d of September and from the *Downs* the 29th It is Believed she will sail from hence in about 10 or fourteen days the greatest part of her loading

being ready — Mr. *Sharpas* presents his humble Service to you and Mad^m *Clarke* as likewise to Mad^m *Hyde* and Miss *Molly* in w^{ch} I beg leave to Join and has desired me to send you the inclosed Political states for the Months of July and August last.

The Treasurer continues still indisposed.

We are not yet upon any certainty when the Governour will come from *Jersey*.

I have not yet heard from Mr. *Smith* of *Amboy*.

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

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Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Dec. ye 6th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

IT was last night before I rec^d
I yours of the 23^d past by *Riche*—
I have sent you the Papers therein
mentioned fairly Copied by Mr.
Lawrence which I hope you have
received.

Mr. *Wileman* tells me has near
compleated the Lawyers acc^{ts} I
send now by *Riche* a pound of Bo-
hea Tea £1. 9s an ou of Blew
sewing filk 4s 6.

The *Sunderland* is bound this
Trip for *Jamaica*, We have no
other Vessell going for *London* but
the *Samuel* which will sail the Latter
End of next week.

Mrs. *Patty Ludlow* having not

time to go with me to buy y^e Huckaback you write for and *Riche* being in haste to go it must therefore be sent by next opportunity.

Coll *Riggs* desires me to present his humble service to you Mad^m and Mad^m *Hyde*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

January y^e 7th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 4th Instant, and send now the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum.

The wine I hope you'll find good—it is bought of *Jⁿ Vanborn* where Mr. *Sbarpas* had is, I cou'd not prevail upon him to spare a Hogfhead—

George Burnet has not any Blew Stockings at 9*s*. a p^r left, but has sent two p^r of Blew at 10*s*. and the Purple and Green @ 9*s*. as likewise a p^r of coarfe @ 6*s*. he is willing not to be paid for them before he knows whether Mad^m *Clarke* likes them. I send you Mrs. *Schuylers* Accounts and the Key of the Trunk, The Enrollment of all the Laws since the Governours arrival is perfected & I will observe what you write me in taking a fair opportunity of getting a Warrant for that Service as well as for Incidents and the Rent Roll.

The Gov^r & Council has appointed Dr. *Golden* Surveyor and Commissioner with Mr. *Harison* Coll *Provoost* and Mr. *Jansen* or any 3 of them to meet on the 1st Tuesday in February next at *Rye*, the Com^{rs} to be appointed by *Connecticut* for

running the Line between this Province and that Colony.

I have given *Will* Eighteen pence to pay for mending *Molly Shepards* shoes.

Mr. *Wileman* tells me he has near finished the Lawyers Bills and is now going on in order to compleat them.

Mr. *Kennedy* has paid me the Ballance of your account which I send herewith together with the Receipts you desire, and a Letter from him. Inclosed is a Letter from *England* by the way of *Boston*, The Vessell arriv'd brings no news worthy Notice.

I send inclosed the *Boston & Philadelphia* Papers of last Post.

The Smith y^t mended your Jack was employed by one *Robin* a Brasier to whom *Will* gave it for mending, the Smith is gone to the Country

and the Braſier tells me he paid him 6*ſ*. for mending of it but that ſince it ſo happens y^t it will not doe he will not charge it.

I have not heard from the Man that promiſed me the Flaxſeed. I will Enquire further.

I heartily wiſh you a happy New Year and many others with Mad^m *Clarke* and your good family. The Guns go back mended as likewise the Jack, I am

Yours

I BOBIN.

*Memorandum of Sundrys ſent by Will
January y^e 7th 172³.*

12 lb of hard Soap at <i>Pelte-</i> <i>reau Sen^r</i>	£o. 6. o
1 ^l of Bohea Tea at Mrs. <i>Kierſteds</i>	o. 19. o
1 Quarter Caſk of Wine at <i>Mr. John Vanborne</i>	7. o. o

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A pair of white Girls shoes	£0. 6. 0
Negro shoes	0. 5. 6
Tacks	0. 2. 0
Yest	0. 0. 9
Five pair of stockings from <i>George Burnet</i>	2. 4. 0

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

March ye 3^d 1721.

Hon^d Sir,

I HAVE received yours of the 13th past by *Riche* the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go now by him, The doz. of Bos Combs and Comb Brush Mrs. *Clarke* was so kind to take with her. I can not meet with a pair of kidd gloves of a size fit for Miss *Molly*, nor a large kitchen knife; I have sent all the silk I could get near the Pattern sent.

Y

I will Enquire for Garden Beans and speak to Mr. *DeLancey* for some Gooseberry Trees.

I send you a few Limes which I desire you'll please to accept. I have put 'em in a little Bagg and seal'd it to prevent *Riche* taking toll as he calls it, & have y^e promise of more to morrow with some Oranges which I will put aside again to next opportunity of sending.

Mr. *Bickley* and Mad^m *Bickley* are come to stay at their House in Town till after the Supream Court, Mr. *Bickley* being very weak but is now upon y^e mending hand, they both present their humble service to you and Mad^m *Clarke* as likewise Miss *Hyde*. I have written a third letter about the Flax—

*A List of Sundarys sent by Riche March**3^d 172³/₄ viz:*

Three pound of Chocolate	£o.	7. 6
One y ^d of stuff	o.	2. 6
One oz & $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sowing filk	}	
scarce w ^t but is all that		
could be got		
31 Gal. of Molasses @ 1 s. 10 d	2.	16. 0
pound of Bohea Tea	o.	18. 0
Three sheets of Minikin Pins	o.	3. 0
Three Blue Laces	o.	5. 0

If y^e prices of any of the above particulars are not liked they will be taken again.

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Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. OFFICE, NEW YORK,

March 14th 1724.

Hon^d Sir,

I HAVE received yours of y^e 10th Instant by Mr. *Lawrence* and am glad the little fruit I sent met with your kind acceptance. I send you some Tobacco.

I have sent you a Taft of old *Burnets* Tea at 8*s*. a pound its some that he bought at Vendue & I am informed is damaged, brought here by *Hickford* the Privateer, I am forry Mrs. *Bergen* has disappointed Mad^m *Clarke*, but I will Enquire else where.

The Coach maker has better than half finished the Wheels, and tells me they had been done before now

had not one of his Men fallen sick but will see to get them done out of hand.

I send you inclosed five pounds in small Bills, We have had two very dead quarters for business of the Office but hope it will be brisker. I send you some Salecia Lettice seed, Cabbage Lettice seed, and Sellery seed as much of every sort as I could get, as likewise five quarts of Beans, being all the Man would spare, having promised some to Mr. *DeLancey*.

Mr. *DeLancey* tells me the Goofberry Trees are ready at half a hours warning.

Inclosed is a letter from Mr. *Phillips* concerning Mrs. *Hegeman*. I have omitted to acquaint you that the governour approves of your thoughts of admonishing Mr. *Phillips* the Dissenting Minister and

directed me to send him a Letter of admonition accordingly.

Mr. *Bickley* last night was taken with a Bleeding of the Nose, but is better to day, he purposes to pay you a visit after a Supream Court is over and stay for some time retired.

I am sorry to hear you have sprained your hand. The Governour will go for *Jersseys* the Beginning of next Month.—I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

June the 8th 1724.

Hon^d Sir,

I HAVE had the happyness of seeing Madam *Clarke* and receiving her Commands—She has had Six pounds and Miss *Molly* four Dollars.

I will observe what you write me concerning *Cook*; Miss has been so kind to promise to let me know the Day she begins.

I will endeavour to get such Cyder as you desire—

Madam *Clarke* has a pound of Bohea Tea, as to Ink powder there is none in Town.

I send you inclosed the Votes from the first of this instant to the fourth; a Committee of y^e House have since Reported that they had Examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the Colony on the 13 of this instant will be in arrear the sum of £3721. 15. 7½ 'tis believed they will go upon the *Jersey* project in raising of Money to the value of one hundred or four score thousand pounds this is what they talk off over a glass of Wine at the widdow *Post's*, but nothing as yet has been

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motion'd in the House relating thereto.

They will strike New Bills of Credit in the Room of the old.

I will be carefull in giving you timely notice of every thing that may be in agitation.

Ludlow tells me it will be a fortnight or three weeks before there will be any business for the Council. I have done what you desired concerning *Sarah Tudor*.

Johnson for *Holland* sayl'd this day—

I am &c.

Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

S. OFFE NEW YORK,

June ye 18th 1724.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of yesterday by *Cæsar*, The Chariot Wheels and Boards are ready to go

by *Riche* I will in the mean time get the Lynseed Oyl and what else is wanting, as to Cyder I cannot find any in Town that I dare venture upon. There goes now by *Cæsar* twelve pound of Soap and pair of Childs shoes with four pounds four shillings in Dollars—

The affair of Mr. *Dublois* I will see to adjust.

Miss *Molly* is very well.

Madam *Bickley* yesterday proved Mr. *Bickley's* Will.

Myndert Schuyler Yesterday took his place in the Assembly in the Room of *Hansen*; he tells me he intends to pay you a visit next week having something to offer which he believes will be very much for your and his advantage.

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Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

June ye 27th 1724.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received this morning yours of Yesterday by *Will*. I have been at the Treasurers but he was not at home. I will go there again for his answer to what you desire and let you know when his accounts will be ready to audit.

The several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go by *Will* with an ac^t of those that could not be got.

The Assembly have not done any thing worthy of notice since my last—The money to be levied for repair of the Garrison they have Resolved to raise upon a Land Tax.

Mr. *Harison* is appointed Recorder of this City in the Room of Mr. *Jamison*.

The Chairrott Wheels and Planks are gone by *Riche*.

I send fix pair of Gloves for Mad^m *Clarke*; these for Miss *Molly* I have sent to Mrs. *Vernons*.

Capt. *Solgard* arrived yesterday from *Virginia* he gave me the inclosed for forwarding to you—inclosed is ten Dollars.

I will remember what you write me concerning old *Burnet*.

I wish you a good harvest and am with all due regard S^r

&c.

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Isaac Robin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

August ye 11th 1724.

Hon^d Sir,

I SEND you by *Goodwin* a Hogf-head of Madera which I hope will prove to content, I have been carefull to get a good Hogfhead to put it in, but with the drawing it off from the Pipe to the Hogfhead may not alter its Body. Mr. *Read* was willing I should take the Pipe but did not know what to do without your order.

Mad^m *Burnet* was brought bedd this morning off a son.

I have been very uneasy at the Coach makers changing the boxes of your Charrott Wheels & have sent him a Threatning Letter which I hope may bring them to light.

The fellow to whom I paid the Money for him swears they are the same that were brought from the *Plains*, but I believe him to be a Rogue like the other.

I am glad you met with better weather on Saturday than you expected and am

I have delivered your Letter to Mr. *Le Heup*.

John Rochead to Isaac Robin.

JAMAICA, *ffryday night* 172 $\frac{4}{5}$.

Dr Isaac

I HAVE sent by the Bearer *Thomas Brown* a silver hilted sword which please deliver to Capt *Andrew Nicoll* of your fort and receive nine pounds for it; the spair scabbard he shall have when I come to Town.

Please forward the Inclosed for *Edinburgh* in yours to Mr. *Willard* in *Boston*; you need not inclose it in that to your father but lett him put yours and it into the first ships Baggs bound for *London, Bristol &c.*

I defyre you would get heavy gold (if it is not to much trouble) for the sword money I design to see the Secretary's family on Munday if you have any Commands thither lett me have them by the Bearer.

Give Sir *George Oglevie's* Note to Mr. *Jamison jun^r* to sue & if you want a power to do it shall send him one—Your new Major *W*—here is dangerously Ill. *Jamie* gives his service to you and landlord, as does

Your most hearty humble St

JOHN ROCHEAD.

Tho: Brown did not go to Town till Wensday & then shall send y^e sword.

Isaac Robin to Gov^r Burnet.

May it please yo^r Excellency

I HAVE received yo^r Excys Lre with y^t of Cap^t *Barnaret's* to y^r Excellency and accordingly prepared a Warrant for the Auditting and adjusting 'The severall Acc^{ts} of Disbursements for Careening his Majesty's ship under his Command as well as to Enquire into the present Currency of Exchange for Bills drawn by him on the Navy which I send herewith.

I am obliged by this Opportunity to give your Excellency the trouble of some Blank Let Passes w^{ch} I desire you'll be pleased to sign and seal.

The inclosed Letters were given me Yesterday by one Monsieur *Ramesay* the Governours Son of *Mountreall*

for forwarding to your Excellency, he is under much concern for the Seal of one of them being broke by Accident in his Pocket & has desired me to acquaint you y^t he hopes your Excellency will Entertain a better opinion of him than to believe he has toucht the Seal; he very much wished for y^e happyness of seeing you he with another Gentleman from *Canada* is gone for *Rhode Island* in order for *Boston* upon what Errant I know not.

Capt *Smith* Master of the *Beaver* desired me to acquaint your Excellency that he will sail the 20th of this Instant, I embrace the Opportunity to Express my Concern for the trouble my Father has given you of his Letter and to assure your Excellency I will not be wanting to answer his desire so far as I am able, for I have nothing more at

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heart than my tender Parent, and
the long life and prosperity of your
Excellency and Family, being with
great truth and respect

Sir

Your Excellencys

Most humble and

most obedient

Servant

Mr. Wileman to Mr. Robin.

Sr

AS to any particular order or
minutes relating to any per-
son's particular business, I hold it
requisite you may give copies of y^e
minutes or orders of Council. But
as to private affairs or y^e state of
y^e government without particular
order from y^e Govern^r and Coun-
cill I would not give copies of such.

I am Sr your humble servt

H. W.

Aa

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July the 15th 1729.

Sir

I DO not find that I am impow-
ered to give out any attested
copys of the minutes of Councill
&^{ca} relating to publick affairs, or
the affairs of the Government here,
without an order from the Board.
I am with respect Sir Your most
obedient fervant

Is BOBIN

Lewis Morris Junr Esqr

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

April 23, 1730.

Sir

I AM commanded by his Excel-
lency to acquaint you that this
day he communicated to the Coun-

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cil his Majesty's Warrant to him
dismiffing you from being one of
the members of that Board, a copy
whereof is inclosed. And I am
ordered by his Excellency to tell
you that pursuant to his Majesty's
Royal Will and pleasure, he has
dismist you from your place at that
Board and sworn and admitted
Phillip Cortlandt Esqr in your room

I am

Sr

Your humble serv^t

Is BOBIN

To *Lewis Morris* Jun^r Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

September the 14th 1730.

Hon^d Sir,

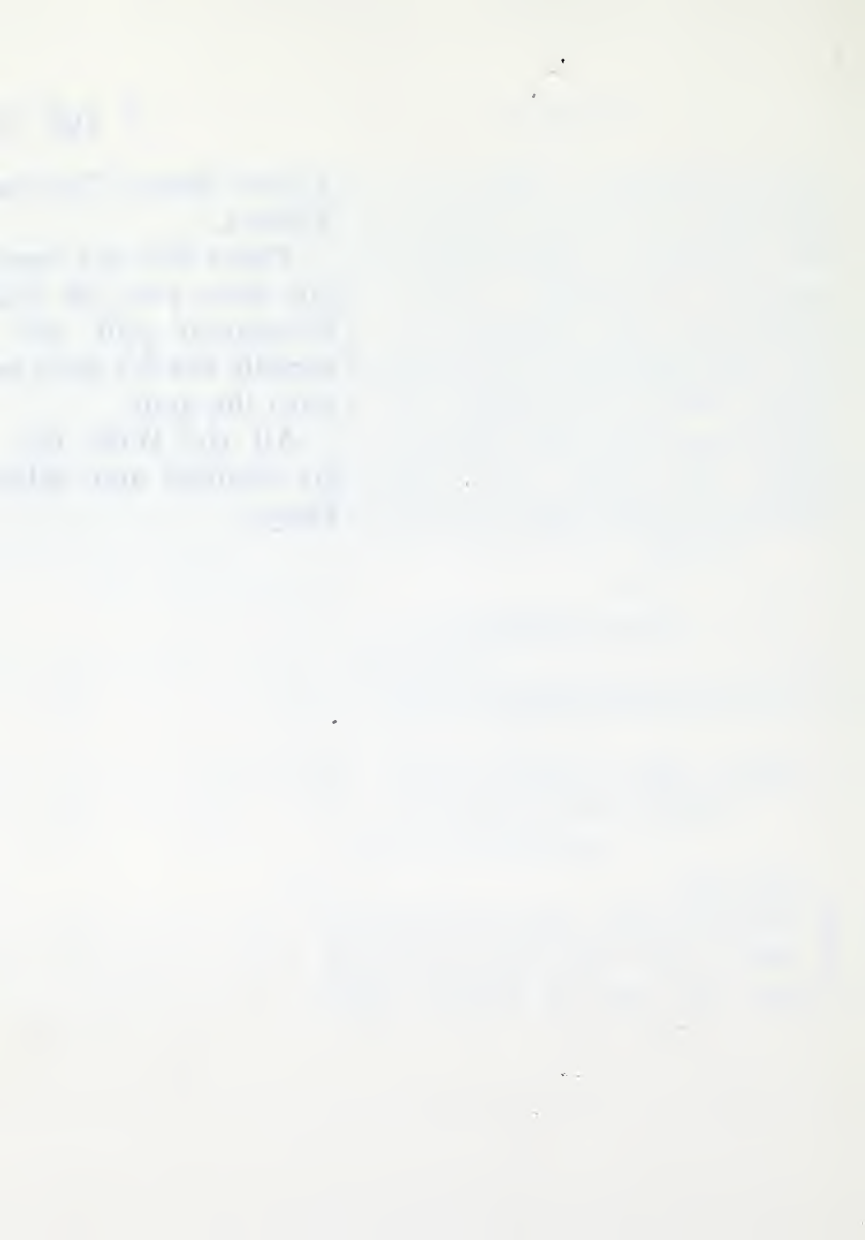
I RECEIVED yours of Saturday
last by Mr *Corey* and now send
by him the hatt for Master *Hyde*,

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a p^d of Bohea Tea and a pound of Thread.

There has not been any Council since you left the Town, the Governour past last week very merrily but his Exc^y is now laid up with the gout.

All the Wills for Mr *Silvester* are finished and delivered to Mr. *Corey*.





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